

## HAZWOPER 29 CFR 1910.120 REGULATION

### WHAT IS HAZWOPER?

### HOW DOES IT AFFECT MY BUSINESS?

### WHAT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY REGARDING MY EMPLOYEES?

In March of 1990, OSHA's final rule 29 CFR 1910.120, governing hazardous waste operations and emergency response, became effective. This has commonly become known as "HAZWOPER".

Under the HAZWOPER standard, any employee who might be called on to respond, or who has the potential to respond, to an emergency needs training. Just how much training depends on what the employee is expected to do? In Section Q of the standard, OSHA has divided the training requirements into five separate levels that are linked to the specific duties of individual employees.

For example, the first training level addresses the most simple observe-and-report function that employees may be expected to fulfill. Ultimately, training progresses toward the more complex duties of stopping the spill, cleaning it up, and disposing of the hazardous waste.

*Five Training Levels are outlined in the regulation. For certain Industries we have customized a program to meet their specific needs only. In doing so, the following levels of training are covered.*

- *Awareness Level - Observe and report*
- *First Responder Operations Level - Containing a leak or spill*

This program is covered in four (4) hours.  
It includes testing and certification of completion.

**EVERY FACILITY SHOULD HAVE AT LEAST THREE (3) EMPLOYEES TRAINED TO THIS LEVEL.**