



SECTION 4

CHAPTER 21

HAZWOPER – EMERGENCY RESPONSE

Purpose To identify, evaluate, and notify proper authorities of a hazardous substance release.

Scope All affected employees

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General The company establishes that all employees will not exceed the awareness level of a first responder when witnessing or discovering a hazardous substance release.



First responder

First responders at the awareness level are individuals who are likely to witness or discover a hazardous substance release and who have been trained to initiate emergency response sequence by notifying authorities. They will take no further action beyond notifying authorities of the release. First responders at the awareness level shall have sufficient training or have had sufficient experience to objectively demonstrate competency in the following areas:

- An understanding of what hazardous substances are, and the risks associated with them in an incident.
- An understanding of the potential outcomes associated with an emergency created when hazardous substances are present.
- The ability to recognize the presence of hazardous substances in an emergency
- The ability to identify the hazardous substances, if possible.
- An understanding of the role of the first responder awareness individual in the company's emergency response plan including site security and control and the Emergency Response Guidebook.
- The ability to realize the need for additional resources, and to make appropriate notifications to supervision.