

OSHA FactSheet

Training for Deepwater Horizon/Mississippi Canyon 252 Workers

OSHA's top priority is to ensure that oil spill response and clean-up operations are done as safely, effectively, and efficiently as possible. This fact sheet provides basic information about common operations, hazards, training, and worker protection. If you are unsure or think your work is unsafe, **STOP** and **ASK** your supervisor. You can call OSHA at one of its gulf coast Area Offices during normal working hours or at 1-800-321-OSHA (6742) or TTY 1-877-889-5627 for further information.

OSHA - Florida : Ft. Lauderdale 954-424-0242 Jacksonville 904-232-2895 Tampa 813-626-1177	OSHA - Louisiana: Baton Rouge 225-298-5458 OSHA – Mississippi Jackson 601-965-4606 OSHA – Alabama Mobile 251-441-6131	OSHA – Texas Corpus Christi 361-888-3420 Houston North 281-591-2438 Houston South 281-286-0583	BP Hotlines: Volunteers: 866-448-5816 Training: 866-647-2338 Vessels of Opportunity Program (skimming operations): 281-366-5511
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What training do you need for your job?

You must be trained on the hazards of your job in a language that you understand. You must be trained before you begin oil spill response and clean-up work. Your employer must determine the type and length of training you will need. Training is based on your job duties and the job's hazards.

OSHA is monitoring BP to make sure that their site training meets OSHA requirements. To work on the spill cleanup, you must receive training from a PEC instructor approved to provide training for this event. Information about the training is available at 866-647-2338 and at <http://www.pecpremier.com/>. After you successfully complete the class, you will receive a PEC identification card as proof of your training.

Volunteers should be protected as well. For information, call the BP Hotline at 866-448-5816

If you are:	You must receive:
Doing work that does NOT involve materials contaminated by the spill	1 ½ hour training [Module 2 –Contractor Expectations (includes Basic Health & Safety Orientation)]
Doing work cleaning up oil-contaminated shoreline or vessel operations involving “weathered” oil recovery	4 hours of training [Module 3 – Post-Emergency Spilled Oil Cleanup (includes Basic Health & Safety Orientation and Contractor Expectations)] NOTE: These workers will be supervised by people with at least 40 hours of hazardous operations training.

In response to recently received information, OSHA is in the process of increasing the health and safety training requirements for crews on vessels engaged in offshore oil recovery.

Worker Rights

You have the right to a safe workplace. The [Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970](#) (OSH Act) was passed to prevent workers from being killed or seriously harmed at work. The law requires that employers provide their employees with working conditions that are free of known dangers. OSHA sets and enforces protective workplace safety and health standards. OSHA also provides information, training and assistance to workers and employers. Workers may file a complaint to have OSHA inspect their workplace if they believe that their employer is not following OSHA standards or there are serious hazards. Contact OSHA at 1-800-321-OSHA (6742) if you have questions or want to file a complaint. We will keep your information confidential. We are here to help you.

This is one in a series of informational fact sheets highlighting OSHA programs, policies or standards. It does not impose any new compliance requirements. For a comprehensive list of compliance requirements of OSHA standards or regulations, refer to Title 29 of the Code of Federal Regulations. This information will be made available to sensory impaired individuals upon request. The voice phone is (202) 693-1999; teletypewriter (TTY) number: (877) 889-5627.

For more complete information:



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