




HAZWOPER TRAINING FOR THE PROFESSIONAL

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Medical Surveillance Program: AN INTRODUCTION



Workers handling hazardous wastes can experience high levels and various types of stress.



Who writes the medical surveillance program?

An experienced occupational health physician or another qualified consultant with the Site Safety Officer.



What is the purpose of the medical surveillance program?

Assess/monitor worker health and fitness:

- ◆ **Before and during the course of work;**
- ◆ **For possible overexposures.**





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- ◆ **Provide** emergency/other treatment.
- ◆ **Keep accurate records** for future reference/comparison.

Medical Surveillance Program: EMPLOYER'S RESPONSIBILITY

Establish a medical surveillance program for each site based on:

- **Specific needs;**
- **Location;**
- **Potential exposure of employees.**



What should a medical surveillance program include, at a minimum?

- ◆ **Employees covered.**
- ◆ **Frequency and content of medical exams/consultations.**



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- ◆ **Information provided to physician.**
- ◆ **Physician's written opinion.**
- ◆ **Record keeping.**





Which employees are covered under the program?

Workers who:

May be or are exposed to concentrations above PEL/TLV without regard to use of respirators, for 30+ days/yr.



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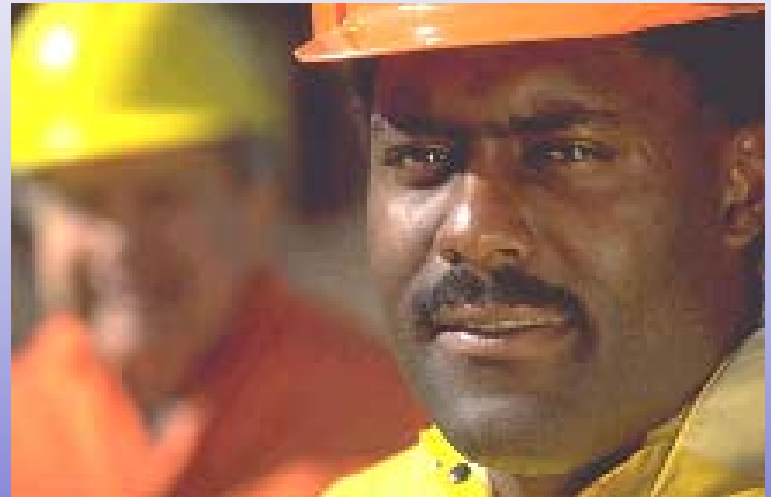
Workers who:

Wear respirators for 30+ days/yr (or) are required to by OSHA.

Which employees are covered under the program?

Workers who:

- ◆ **Exhibit symptoms** injury, illness, or overexposure;
- ◆ **HAZMAT team members.**

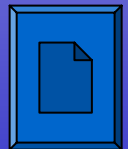


When and how often should medical exams be conducted?

- ◆ **Performed by/under** the supervision of a licensed physician.
- ◆ **At no cost** to the employee.
- ◆ **At a reasonable time.**
- ◆ **Without loss of pay.**
- ◆ **Following a specific schedule.**



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What are the medical record-keeping requirements?

- ◆ **Employee name and ssn.**
- ◆ **Physician's written opinion.**
- ◆ **Employee medical complaints.**
- ◆ **Employee information provided by employer to physician.**



Employer's Responsibilities Required by OSHA

- ◆ **Maintain/preserve medical records** for 30 yrs. after employment.
- ◆ **Make available** the results of medical testing, analysis, and full medical records.
- ◆ **Maintain records** of occupational injuries/illnesses and post a yearly report.

How often must the medical surveillance program be re-evaluated or reviewed?

Annually -
by the site safety officer,
medical consultant,
and/or management.

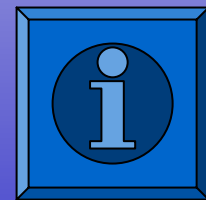



Assists in rating HASP's over-all effectiveness.

HAZWOPER 8-Hour Training: Update Worker on Recent Developments



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