

OSH INFORMATION MEMORANDUM 93-X-91

TO: All OSH Directors, Supervisors, and Field Personnel

FROM: William Lybrand, Director of OSH

DATE: May 24, 1993

SUBJECT: 40- Hour Training Course for Employees Under Section 1910.120 (q)(6)

Purpose.

This memorandum clarifies the South Carolina Department of Labor, Division of Occupational Safety and Health's position on Subarticle 6, Section 1910.120 (q)(6) of our Rules and Regulations, regarding the quality of training for hazardous materials technician.

Background.

The South Carolina Fire Academy has adopted a 40-hour course from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which has been delivered statewide for approximately 30 months to a large number of industrial Emergency Response Teams and the public fire service. The course is conducted over a five-day period, consisting of both classroom and practical skills sessions. Student must pass both a written exam and practical evaluation on all skills in order to receive a certificate of completion for this course. The minimum passing grade for the written exam is 70 percent, while the practical skills portion is based on the student's ability to successfully perform a task. All instructors must first successfully complete the 40-hour instructional methodology course, then complete the course as a student, and also attend an instructional skills workshop in this particular course.

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Interpretation.

The 40-hour hazardous materials course, "Emergency Response to Hazardous Materials Incidents", offered by the South Carolina Fire Academy is acceptable by the South Carolina Department of Labor, Division of Occupational Safety and Health as meeting the requirements under Section 1910.120 (q)(6) for employees training at the hazardous materials technician level. Also those employees who have taken this training and attended the instructional skills workshop on the course will be deemed certified instructors if:

- (a) they have available written certification of such training from the South Carolina Fire academy; and
- (b) when conducting training, they use the same training materials used by the South Carolina Fire Academy or equivalent training materials approved by the South Carolina Fire Academy.

Effective Date:

This memorandum is effective upon receipt and will remain in effect until canceled or superceded.