

## HAZWOPER PART II: HAZARD IDENTIFICATION AND CONTROL

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Hazardous waste can pose serious dangers to employees who may be exposed during clean-up operations or emergencies involving hazardous materials. To help protect these employees, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration has developed the Hazwoper Standard. This Standard, which stands for Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, contains requirements for identification and control of safety and health hazards at hazardous waste sites.

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### Key Training Points:

- Evaluation of the site's characteristics prior to entry by a trained person to identify potential site hazards and to aid in the selection of appropriate employee protection methods.
- Implementation of engineering controls, work practices and personal protective equipment, or a combination of these methods, to reduce exposure below established exposure levels for the hazardous substance involved.
- Air monitoring to identify and quantify levels of hazardous substances with periodic monitoring to assure that proper protective equipment is being used.
- Implementation of procedures for handling of drums and containers that contain hazardous waste.
- Implementation of a decontamination procedure to minimize employee contact with hazardous substances or with equipment that has contacted hazardous substances.
- Development of procedures for introducing new technologies available to the industry for the improved protection of employees working with hazardous waste clean-up operations.

**Answers: 1. A, 2. D 3. D 4. C, 5. B**