



**State of Alaska**  
**Department of Labor and Workforce Development**  
**Division of Labor Standards and Safety**

**AKOSH Program Directive 08-03**

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From: Grey R. Mitchell, Director

Subject: **Emergency Response to Hazardous Substance Releases**

This Program Directive, PD 08-03, is formal notice that the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Division of Labor Standards and Safety recognizes and will implement the updated policies of the Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Standard (HAZWOPER), 29 CFR 1910.120 and 1926.65.

This instruction updates policy and provides clarification on the following issues:

- HAZWOPER's application to a terrorist incident response involving chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear materials.
- OSHA's relationship with Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD-5), including discussion addressing the National Response Plan (NRP), the Worker Safety and Health Support Annex, and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).
- OSHA's National Emergency Management Plan (NEMP) and Regional emergency Management Plans (REMPs).
- Definition of "First Receivers."
- OSHA's "Best Practices for Hospital-Based First Receivers of Victims from Mass Casualty Incidents Involving the Release of Hazardous Substances."
- Shelter-in-Place.
- Damaged packages during shipping.
- Skilled Support Personnel.
- Emergency responder training levels.
- Medical surveillance for emergency responders.
- Computer-based training.
- Updates to citation guidelines.

**Effective Date: December 27, 2007**

**Clarifications:** For the purpose of all OSHA Program Directive(s) adopted by AKOSH, the following terms are defined:

Where U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) refers to the following positions or locations; in Alaska their equivalent will be:

**Area Director =** Chief of Alaska Occupational Safety and Health (AKOSH) Enforcement section

**Area Office =** Labor Standards and Safety Division, AKOSH offices located at 3301 Eagle Street, Suite 305, Anchorage, Alaska

**Assistant Secretary =** Commissioner, Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development

**Deputy Assistant Secretary =** Deputy Commissioner, Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development

**OSHA =** Alaska Occupational Safety and Health (AKOSH) Enforcement/ Compliance and Consultation & Training sections, located at 3301 Eagle Street, Suite 305, Anchorage, Alaska

**Regional Administrator =** Director, Labor Standards and Safety, Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development

**Regional Office =** Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Labor Standards and Safety, Director's Office, 1111 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 304, Juneau, Alaska

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