



## PEP Qualifications and Training

### **Experience:**

A minimum of 10 years of experience (within the last 15 years) in responding to hazardous materials incidents involving mitigation and/or remedial activities associated with spills and releases including but not limited to releases from underground storage tanks; experience in planning remedial activities; knowledge of chemical fate and transport and soil classification; competency in the use of emergency equipment and emergency procedures, spill response equipment, and mitigation, containment, and removal techniques.

### **Education:**

- Up to 4 years of experience may be substituted with a bachelor's degree in a relevant subject of study (biology, chemistry, earth science, geology/hydrogeology, environmental science, or other related environmental field)
- Up to 2 years of experience may be substituted for an associate's degree in a relevant subject of study (biology, chemistry, earth science, geology/hydrogeology, environmental science, or other related environmental field)

### **Training:**

- OSHA 1910.120
- OSHA 30 (Construction OSHA 30 or General OSHA 30)
- ICS 100, 200 and 700 (incident command system)\*
- DEEP approved third-party 8-hour training course; and
- Pass certification exam at the end of training course

**Certification duration:** 3 years

### **Continuing Education:**

- Annually, OSHA 8-hour refresher
- Every 3 years, take a 4-hour refresher of the training course and pass questions throughout the course

\*If the ICS trainings are unavailable on FEMA's website, these courses are currently available on the following websites and are acceptable to the Department to satisfy this requirement.

- Safety Unlimited, Inc.: <https://www.safetyunlimited.com/online-training/online-training-course-catalog.asp>
- Texas Department of Emergency Management: <https://tdem.texas.gov/preparedness/training>