Health and Safety Responsibilities for Program Managers of Water Quality Monitoring Projects

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Training Objective

- Regulatory Overview
- Health and Safety Program Overview
- AB 1127 (Steinberg) Cal OSHA Reform 1999
Regulatory Overview

- Hazard Communication 1981
- Injury and Illness Prevention Program 1991
- Hazardous Waste Operations/Emergency Response 1986 (HAZWOPER)
Project Requirements

- Provide training and information regarding potential hazards
- Provide written guidelines or plans
- Provide personal protective equipment and needed monitoring equipment
- Provide material safety data sheets
  - Correct problems
  - Investigate complaints
Assembly Bill 1127
(Assemblyman Steinberg)

- Defines the Responsible Employer(s) for Violations at Multi-Employer Worksites
- Redefines “Employee Representative” to Also Include Health or Safety Professionals or Representatives of a Government Agency
- Removes Civil Penalty Exemption for Government or Educational Agencies for Violations of Cal/OSHA Regulations
Complaint Procedures:

- Complainant can be Employee, Health or Safety Professional, Representative of a Governmental Agency, or Employer of an Employee in an Unsafe Place of Employment
Redefines a “Serious” Violation to Expand Types of Violations Classifiable as Serious

- “Substantial probability of death or great bodily harm”
- “Substantial Probability” refers not to probability that an accident or exposure will occur as a result of the violation, but rather to probability that death or serious physical harm will result assuming an accident or exposure occurs as a result of the violation”
Penalty Increases for:

- Up to $25,000/Violation
- Failure to Abate or Certifying Abatement & Subsequent Inspection Finds Non-Abatement
- Willful or Repeat Violations - Between $5000 to $70,000/Violation
- Willful Violations Resulting in Death - $100,000/$250,000 and/or 1, 2, or 3 Year(s) Imprisonment
Where to get more information

- Internet sites can provide assistance:
  - http://www.dir.ca.gov/samples/search/query.htm;
  - http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/;

- Guidelines and Fact Sheet may be used
Summary

- Project Manager Responsibilities
- Use the Internet
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