

4. Is there a special training required for staff (both operators and management) in handling hazardous materials?

Three government agencies regulate the areas of handling of hazardous material. They are: EPA (Environmental Protection Agency), OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) and DOT (Department of Transportation). An employee handling hazardous materials must be trained in the areas of exposure, disposal and control. An employee must be educated on the hazardous nature of the chemical his or her company is using via MSDS (Material Safety Data Sheets), Right to Know sessions, Hazcon program, spill control and emergency response procedures. The regulations from the three agencies overlap and a good training program will address all the requirements of all three agencies.