

Preventing Chemical Accidents Training Project

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I know if my worksite is covered by the PSM standard?

To find out if your worksite is covered by the PSM standard, please review the "List of Highly Hazardous Chemicals". If your worksite is using the chemicals on the list at or above the quantities listed, the worksite is covered by the PSM standard. The list is available at www.njwec.org/PSM.cfm.

What does the training cover?

Every session includes an introduction to the PSM standard, including requirements for workers and employers. Instruction uses interactive methods to provide site-specific training to address your facility's health and safety issues. Please review the enclosed list of training topics and the brochure about the training project.

Training introduces the concept of systems of safety and accident prevention and why facilities should establish an organizational structure to oversee PSM implementation.

We address OSHA's performance-based requirements for a plant PSM program. Training also covers accident, incident, and near-miss investigations, focusing on root causes. Training on related subjects, such as the New Jersey *Toxic Catastrophe Prevention Act* (TCPA), employer and worker/union rights and responsibilities to participate during OSHA and TCPA inspections, and development of effective labor-management safety and health committees, is also available.

Who should receive PSM training?

The PSM standard requires specific training for all workers at a PSM-covered site. The program will be valuable for process safety managers, environmental specialists, supervisors, compliance auditors, employees (including those who must be involved in PSM planning), contract workers, joint safety and health committee members, and emergency responders in private or public sector facilities covered by PSM.

I am a contractor on a PSM-covered worksite. Do I need PSM training?

Yes! Contract employees and their employers have to meet specific requirements under the PSM standard. If a PSM inspection is taking place on a worksite, the contracted company and employees will also have to show compliance with the standard.

How much does the training cost?

WEC has received a Susan Harwood training grant from OSHA to train workers about the PSM standard and related health and safety topics in potentially hazardous facilities. Through the grant, we are able to provide FREE on site training, including expert trainers and OSHA-approved materials.

How long is the training?

Training sessions range from two - eight hours. Longer training sessions can be divided into multiple sessions.

How do I set up training for my worksite?

If you have any questions or would like to set up training, please contact Denise Patel, PSM Training Coordinator, at (609) 695-7100, ext 305 or by email at dpatel@njwec.org. You can also sign up to receive training announcements at www.njwec.org/PSM.cfm