

## **National Environmental Trainers' HAZWOPER Hands-on Simulator® Accepted by OSHA**

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May 1, 2009 (FPRC) -- MARTINEZ, GA -- Employers can now train their employees online with 24 hour or 40 hour HAZWOPER courses using an OSHA approved HAZWOPER Hands-on Simulator® developed by National Environmental Trainers. In an interpretation letter dated February 4, 2009 OSHA, stated that National Environmental Trainers' exclusive HAZWOPER Hands-on Simulator® is acceptable when used in conjunction with site-specific training.

In addition to training using the HAZWOPER Hands-on Simulator®, site-specific hands-on training on the actual equipment an employee will be using is required for both online 40 hr HAZWOPER training and public seminar classroom training.

"This is a major breakthrough for online training. The industry now recognizes the effectiveness of our simulator in conveying how to don and doff personal protective equipment (PPE) as well as conducting decontamination exercises. We currently are the only online HAZWOPER training provider with any type of simulator. We are very grateful that OSHA has taken this step and we wanted to inform you of this key compliance issue," says Clay A. Bednarz of National Environmental Trainers.

As stated by OSHA, employers who only send employees to a public 40 Hour HAZWOPER seminar/class and rely solely on this training for hands-on training, they are not meeting the OSHA standard. To be compliant with OSHA standards, site-specific hands-on training must be performed.

This statement from OSHA may come as a surprise to many employers as some classroom providers of this training will tell you they conduct hands-on training, leading them to believe that they have met the OSHA requirements. But while these classroom providers may conduct hands-on training, they cannot perform site-specific hands-on training in a seminar open to anyone.

"We are proud to work with some of the most diligent Health and Safety managers in the industry and know that the safety of their workers is foremost in their minds. We feel very fortunate that many companies and individuals have come to us for their training needs," says Bednarz.

Neither the enrollment of state and federal officials in National Environmental Trainers' courses, nor use of the OSHA logo, constitutes endorsement or approval of National Environmental Trainers training programs. OSHA's policy is not to approve or endorse any training from any training provider.

A complete list of all courses offered by National Environmental Trainers' is available at: <http://www.natlenvtrainers.com>.

About National Environmental Trainers: National Environmental Trainers offers the only provider 40 Hour HAZWOPER training and certification held entirely online. In addition to 24 and 40 hour

HAZWOPER training, National Environmental Trainers offers OSHA 40 training as well as RCRA training, DOT training and environmental training. All courses are authored by in-house subject matter experts who are available 24/7 to answer questions and provide guidance.

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