

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



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# Training Objective

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



# Regulatory Overview

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



# Project Requirements

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- 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)

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- 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



# AB 1127 (Continued)

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- 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



# AB 1127 (Continued)

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- 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"



# AB 1127 (Continued)

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- 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

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- Internet sites can provide assistance:  
<http://www.dir.ca.gov/samples/search/query.htm>;  
<http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/>;  
<http://www.osha.gov/html/a-z-index.html>
- Guidelines and Fact Sheet may be used



# Summary

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- Project Manager Responsibilities
- Use the Internet
- Questions:
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