



## REQUIRED Oil Spill Deployment Training - Completion Required Prior To Deployment

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There have been numerous questions raised about the minimum standards for HAZWOPER and other training required for deployment to the Gulf. To ensure the safety of all personnel, as well as to minimize any additional impacts on habitat and wildlife, Service personnel **shall** complete, at a minimum, the training required based on their anticipated level of exposure.

On the FWS training site <http://training.fws.gov/csp/oilspill/main.html> you will see four levels of exposure identified. They are 1, 2, 3 and 4. Currently, FWS personnel are only working jobs in levels 1, 2 and 3.

**Level 1** - You work in an office or Incident Command Center, or in a support role with no exposure. - Take ICS 100 and 700. Also, the BP (**HSEREH004**) on-line course is required for all employees. It will help you understand how BP operates in its safety program.

**Level 2** - You will walk un-oiled or near oiled areas outdoors during surveys or you will scan shorelines from a boat. You will not be handling oiled wildlife. Many NRDAR folks fit in this category. - Take ICS 100 and 700, and the BP (**HSEREH004**) on-line course. **NOTE:** Supervisors should take the 24 hour HAZWOPER course. Check with your local safety officer to interpret the OSHA guidelines if you are a supervisor.

**Level 3** - You will be outdoors in direct contact with weathered oil, but not fresh oil. You will wear protective clothing and boots (PPE), and may pick up dead and/or oiled live wildlife. - Take ICS 100, 200, 700, and the BP (**HSEREH004**) on-line course, and take the 24 or 40 hour HAZWOPER on-line course. If you are already HAZWOPER certified, be sure that you are current. **If you have not completed an annual refresher within 14 months of a currency period, you will need to take the Hazwoper course. If you are within this 14 month time window and need a refresher, take and successfully complete the on-line 8 hour refresher.**

**Bottom line:** If you may come in contact with oil or oiled wildlife or habitat as part of your duties and deployment to the Gulf, complete the training outlined in Level 3 above.

**You must complete the appropriate training prior to your departure to your deployment location.** If you are uncertain of your potential level of exposure, complete the Level 3 training requirements.

Complete information and links to on-line training for all of the above are available on NCTC's website at: <http://training.fws.gov/csp/oilspill/main.html>

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