



QI Training

<https://www.imtgear.com/emsi-job-aids-s/110.htm> Course Overview

Under the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90), all facility and vessel response plans must identify a Qualified Individual (QI) and at least one alternate who meets the requirements of these sections of the CFR. The QI or alternate must be available on a 24-hour basis and be able to arrive at the facility in a reasonable time. Additionally, the QI and alternate must not only be familiar with the implementation of the facility response plan but be trained in the responsibilities of a QI under the response plan.

This course is an instructor-led training that supports learning through discussion, lecture, and active participation in multiple exercises that provides a realistic, scenario-driven approach to mastering the skills required of a QI. This course includes a copy of our new companion QI job aid and a post-training test to ensure that QIs understand their roles and responsibilities.



Specific Course Topics

- Review of ICS use and the roles and responsibilities of the QI and Command and General Staff during the initial response stage
- Initiating a response and ensuring appropriate resource and equipment deployment
- Review of regulations related to QI position:
 - OPA 90
 - Clean Water Act
 - 40 CFR – Oil Pollution Prevention and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan
 - 46 CFR – Barges carrying liquid hazardous materials cargoes
 - 49 CFR – domestic transportation of hazardous materials
- Preparedness, Notifications, and Initial Response and Assessments by the QI
- ICS documentation
- Establishing the Initial Incident Management Team (IMT)
- Establishing the Operations Section
- Establishing the Planning Section, to include the Situation and Resources Units
- Identifying hazards and risks to manage the Safety function
- Establishing Logistical support in the initial response
- Media Relations
- Incident Briefings

Target Audience

Response personnel designated to fill the role as a QI.

Duration

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Pre-requisite (recommended)

Successful completion of ICS-300 and experience in a Command or General Staff position on an incident

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O'Brien's offers two QI training classes: (1) Initial QI Training and (2) Annual QI Refresher Training. Initial QI training covers:

- The role of the QI as defined in the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 and in the post-discharge review of the plan.
- Review of Area Contingency Plan: locating environmentally sensitive areas, as identified in a facility's area plan, and local facility response plan.
- Review of company's response and notification procedures, including site maps, internal communications (IT support—computer/phone/projector; meeting spaces; conference call capabilities) protocols and operations support (personnel).
- SMT notification procedures, communications systems and information requirements.
- Response organizational structure used to manage response actions and the responsibilities of each team member. Information included in this section includes command and control, public information, safety, liaison with government agencies, operations, planning, logistics and finance.
- The required training, drill and exercise intervals as set by federal/state/company regulations.
- Information on Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements for worker health and safety per 29 CFR 1910.120.
- Roles and responsibilities of federal and state agencies regarding oil spill response.
- Information on alternate response technologies.

This class lasts approximately 8 hours and includes a post-training exercise and test to ensure that QIs understand their roles and responsibilities.