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# Safety Training and the Issuance of Certification

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This bulletin is forwarded to the membership to act as a reminder that safety training is required before a worker can go to work. At a minimum, every geophysical seismic worker must receive a general WHMIS orientation that is suitable for the work environment that he / she will be working in as well as an H2S Awareness orientation.

Orientations have four pieces of criteria. The orientation must be presented in print, visually, orally and after the subject matter has been completed, a short test to ensure that the orientation was understood. Orientations must be given by a worker's employer or a third party trainer that has been accepted by the employer to do so.

All other safety training is to be received as required. For example, the PITS Chainsaw Safety course (and proof of work experience) is required for any person who handles a chainsaw in the geophysical seismic industry. The PITS Seismic Blaster's course (and proof of work experience) is required for any person who primes, loads and / or detonates geophysical type explosives. A 'Transportation of Dangerous Goods' (TDG) course is required for any person who transports a controlled product(s).

The criterions for a course versus an orientation are much the same except a course must be taught by a qualified instructor. An orientation may be given by anyone who is familiar with the material, familiar with the employer's operation and approved by the employer to do so.

As it is the time of year when traditionally, the geophysical seismic industry 'ramps up', it is important to remind geophysical seismic employers, supervisor's and workers of the requirement for safety training. In addition, it is also important to ensure that the subject material being covered is presented as per industry and / or course standard and that shortcut's are not taken. The issuance of a safety and / or orientation certificate without fulfilling course and /or orientation criterions is illegal and ethically, wrong.