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Nuclear Safety

What It Means at Los Alamos National Laboratory



ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SAFETY & PERFORMANCE & CLEANUP & CLOSURE

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EM-LA's Core Principles

• We strive to perform work







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- We strive to perform work
 - Safely always number one
 - Our mission is to protect

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- The worker,
- The public,
- The environment
- Transparently
- Efficiently







Safety (in general)

Safety starts with the 10th code of federal regulations (CFR) section 851, (10 CFR 851), Worker Safety.

- OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Act)
- ISM (Integrated Safety Management)
 - Define the work
 - Analyze the hazards
 - Implement the controls
 - Perform the work
 - Assess the results







Safety (in general)

- Lots of Requirements for safety:
 - Codes of Federal Regulations: 10 CFR 851 Worker Safety, 10 CFR 850 Chronic Beryllium Exposure, 10 CFR 835 – Radiation Protection, 10 CFR 830 – Nuclear Safety, 10 CFR 71 – Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Material, 29 CFR 1910 – OSHA, 29 CFR 1926 – Safety and Health Regulations for Construction, 29 CFR 1960 – FEOSH, 40 CFR 116 – Determination of Reportable Quantities, 40 CFR 129 – Toxic Pollutant Effluent Standards, 40 CFR 260 – 265 – Hazardous Waste Management, 42 CFR 84 - Approval of respiratory Protective Devices, AND MORE!
 - Industry Standards ANSI N43.3 General Radiation Safety Standard for Installations Using Non-Medical X-Ray and Sealed Gamma Ray Sources, Energies up to 10 MeV, ANSI Z117.1-2009 - Safety Requirements for Confined Spaces, ANSI Z136.1 - American National Standard for Safe Use of Lasers, ANSI Z244.1-2003 - Control of Hazardous Energy, ANSI Z88.6 - Respiratory Protection, ANSI Z9.5 - Laboratory Ventilation





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DOE Orders & Requirements - DOE O 231.1B - Environment, Safety and Health ۲ Reporting, DOE O 226.1B - Implementation of Department of Energy Oversight Policy, DOE O 341.1 - Federal Employee Health Services, DOE O 410.1 - Central Technical Authority Responsibilities Regarding Nuclear Safety, DOE O 420.1C -Facility Safety, DOE O 422.1 - Conduct of Operations, DOE O 425.1D -Verification of Readiness to Start Up or Restart Nuclear Facilities, DOE O 433.1B - Maintenance Management Program for DOE Nuclear Facilities, DOE O 435.1 - Radioactive Waste Management, DOE O 440.1B - Worker Protection *Program for DOE (Including the National Nuclear Security Administration)* Federal Employees, DOE O 442.1 - Department of Energy Employee Concerns *Program,* DOE O 442.2 - *Differing Professional Opinions for Technical Issues* Involving Environment, Safety, and Health, DOE O 450.2 - Integrated Safety Management System Program, DOE O 458.1 - Radiation Protection of the Public and the Environment, DOE O 460.1D - Hazardous Material Packaging and Transportation, AND MANY MORE!





Now that your heads are spinning...



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Safety Professionals know all of these rules and so much more!

- Required to be trained to strict requirements
- Numerous re-qualification activities, and,
- We know how to structure all of the rules to be efficient!





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Safety (in general)







Hierarchy of Controls





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Layers of Protection



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But wait, there's more!





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Safety Culture



EM diligently implements and monitors a safety conscious work environment to ensure that not just the physical elements of safety are actualized, but the psychology of safety is realized.





Empowered Culture

- See something, say something
- Workers own their safety
- No reprise for alerts to unsafe conditions
- Doesn't just apply to nuclear; applies to all safety
- Anyone can pause work for any reason







Listening Culture

- Management specifically trained in listening skills
- Everyone (feds and contractors) trained in safety conscious work environment (SCWE)
- Staff solicited for safety briefs at each meeting
- Open door policies







Learning Culture

Learning Organizations

- Analyze the layers for gaps that can allow a hazard to pass through
- Swiss Cheese approach







Closing, and Questions!

What can we clarify further?

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