

# DECON REFRESHER COURSE

## BACKGROUND

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The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires that employees trained at the First Responder Operations Level receive annual refresher training of sufficient content and duration to maintain their competencies, or shall demonstrate competency in those areas at least yearly. The hospital must document that refresher training was performed, or alternatively, keep a record of how the employee demonstrated competency.

## OVERVIEW

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Duration: 8 hours

Class Size: 10 – 25

Class Location: Onsite at the client hospital

The Refresher Course is for Decon Team members previously trained by DQE and certified to the Operations Level to help them sustain skills, refresh their knowledge base, participate in a functional exercise, and meet OSHA requirements. DQE will assist the hospital in qualifying for continuing education credits and will provide all necessary documentation to certify attendees in accordance with OSHA.

## TRAINING TOPICS

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- Review of the hospital's Emergency Decontamination Operation (EDO) Plan, including activation and termination procedures
- Appraisal of the various Decon Team positions and responsibilities with role playing opportunities
- Practical review of how to set up and safely utilize the decontamination area
- Demonstration on how to set up a decontamination corridor and the proper application of personal protective equipment
- Application of the incident command system to an EDO
- Facilitated, full-scale decontamination exercise