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PMAOMIR449 Monitor legal compliance obligations during incidents

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Modification History

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Application

This unit of competency covers the skills and knowledge required to oversee the operations of an incident management or crisis management team to ensure compliance with legislation and/or regulations.

An incident is an event which causes, or could have caused, injury or illness; damage to plant, material or the environment; disruption to production or public alarm.

An incident is an unintended event, or an unintended consequence of an intended event, such as:

- fire and explosion
- loss of containment
- excursions above/below acceptable limits for emissions or plant conditions
- excursions above occupational hygiene or biological exposure limits
- non-compliance with regulatory requirements
- security breaches
- failure to follow procedures
- complaints
- vehicle incidents
- on/off-site incidents.

This unit of competency applies to enterprise legal officers, environmental officers, safety officers or those in similar roles who are required to advise the management team on potential and actual breaches of legislation in the development of incident response plans, implement and evaluate incident response activities, submit organisational reports and prepare for legal proceedings on compliance issues.

This unit of competency applies to an individual working alone or as part of an incident management team and working in liaison with other members of the incident management team and the incident manager, as appropriate.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Competency Field

Incident readiness and response

Unit Sector

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements describe the essential outcomes.

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.

1	Conduct routine review of incident response plans	1.1	Identify legislation, regulation and licencing relevant to possible incident scenarios
		1.2	Determine possible compliance issues with planned responses
		1.3	Negotiate alternative response plans which do not raise compliance issues
		1.4	Ensure plans, equipment and training are modified to reflect changed response plans
2	Oversee the operations of the incident management team during the incident	2.1	Ensure that the incident team is aware of legislation that needs to be complied with during the incident
		2.2	Obtain information concerning legal ramifications as required in accordance with organisation's policies
		2.3	Ensure accurate recording of all relevant details of all agreed actions
		2.4	Assess actions taken and proposed against relevant legislation to determine compliance and possible impacts on the company
3	Advise appropriate action to facilitate compliance during the incident	3.1	Undertake consultations with regulatory authorities to facilitate minimal impact resolutions
		3.2	Advise management of options that are available to remain compliant
		3.3	Provide advice on actions to achieve compliance

4	Monitor actions taken to achieve compliance during the incident	4.1	Monitor company actions to resolve incidents and achieve compliance or remain compliant
		4.2	Document actions taken by the organisation to remain compliant
		4.3	Prepare reports for management regarding outcomes from the incident and any material breaches of legislation that have occurred
		4.4	Prepare for possible legal proceedings within required timeframe
5	Seek improvements to incident responses post incident	5.1	Identify possible areas for improvement
		5.2	Develop improved responses in liaison with relevant people
		5.3	Ensure plans, equipment and training are modified to reflect improved response plans

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential to performance.

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

This field allows for different work environments and conditions that may affect performance. Essential operating conditions that may be present (depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts) are included.

Regulatory framework

The latest version of all legislation, regulations, industry codes of practice and Australian/international standards, or the version specified by the local regulatory authority, must be used, and include one or more of the following:

- legislative requirements, including work health and safety (WHS)
- industry codes of practice and guidelines
- environmental regulations and guidelines
- Australian and other standards

- licence and certification requirements

All operations to which this unit applies are subject to stringent health, safety and environment (HSE) requirements, which may be imposed through state/territory or federal legislation, and these must not be compromised at any time. Where there is an apparent conflict between performance criteria and HSE requirements, the HSE requirements take precedence.

Duty of care responsibilities under general work health and safety (WHS) Acts and regulations, and state/territory and national standards applying to hazardous substances, dangerous goods and major hazards must be met.

Procedures

All operations must be performed in accordance with relevant procedures.

Procedures are written, verbal, visual, computer-based or in some other form, and include one or more of the following:

- emergency procedures
- work instructions
- standard operating procedures (SOPs)
- safe work method statements (SWMS)
- formulas/recipes
- batch sheets
- temporary instructions
- any similar instructions provided for the smooth running of the plant

Incident response

Incident response includes one or more of the following:

- deployment of site incident response personnel
- containing/controlling the incident at source and or its spread
- search and rescue operations
- engagement of external emergency services (such as fire, ambulance, rescue and military)
- liaison with other agencies (such as environmental, clean-up and specialised troubleshooters)
- evacuation
- hazard control

Incident response actions must:

- be in accordance with and relevant organisation procedures

- use appropriate response equipment, where required
- prioritise the safety and/or successful recovery of personnel and others affected by the incident response
- **not** inhibit effectiveness of the incident response or further contribute to the incident.

Legal compliance

Legal compliance during an incident involves monitoring all of:

- liquid leaving site (e.g. fire water, product and materials)
- smoke and vapour leaving site (e.g. from loss of containment (LOC) and fire)
- gas leaving site (e.g. from LOC)
- noise leaving site (e.g. from incident or incident response and alarms)

Identifying areas for improvement

Identifying areas for improvement includes addressing one or more of the following:

- difficulties tracking and identifying relevant legislation or amendments
- managing evidence for later investigations or enquiries
- interpersonal conflicts
- conflicts of interest
- failed compliance measures
- failure to comply with timeframes dictated by legislation or regulation

Unit Mapping Information

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