

WAC 296-843-11005 Complete a preliminary site evaluation before allowing employees to enter the site. You must complete a preliminary site evaluation by doing all the following:

<p>Collect or develop the following information to the extent available:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The site location and approximate size • A description of the response activity and the job tasks to be performed • The time needed to cover all planned activities • The site's topography and all ways to access the site • The current status and capabilities of any emergency response team assisting during an emergency • The safety and health hazards expected at the site • The hazardous substances and health hazards at the site, including their chemical and physical properties • All hazardous substance dispersion pathways • An emergency response plan
<p>Have a qualified person evaluate the preliminary site information to identify:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential site hazards and risks • The most appropriate methods to protect employees • Conditions that have the potential to cause death or serious harm, including potential inhalation or skin absorption hazards that are immediately dangerous to life or health (IDLH) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Confined space entry ■ Potentially explosive or flammable environments ■ Visible vapor clouds ■ Areas where plants or animals have died • Risks related to specific on-site hazardous substances and health hazards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Exposures exceeding the permissible exposure limits (PELs) or published exposure levels ■ IDLH concentrations ■ Potential skin absorption and irritation sources ■ Potential eye irritation sources ■ Explosion sensitivity and flammability ranges ■ Oxygen deficient atmospheres
<p>Have a qualified person prepare an initial site characterization and analysis for the site to:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify known and suspected health and safety hazards for the site • Aid in selecting control methods to protect employees from site hazards • Brief employees on site conditions before any work starts • Initiate the site-specific health and safety plan (HASP)

Note: Characterization and analysis of site hazards is an ongoing process for work on the hazardous waste site.

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