

OSHA's Analysis of Response Health & Safety

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OSHA stressed throughout the response that decisions about PPE should be based on a scientific characterization of the hazards, including air sampling (described in Section 4.2). OSHA assisted the UC with performing these characterizations for each job task to determine the appropriate level of protection. **Based on these hazard assessments and guidance from OSHA and NIOSH, in early May, BP developed a matrix outlining the PPE that workers should use for each category of cleanup work. OSHA posted the matrix on its website at [http://www.osha.gov/oilspill s/gulf-operations-ppe-matrix.pdf](http://www.osha.gov/oilspill%20s/gulf-operations-ppe-matrix.pdf).**

BP complied with OSHA's request to institute a credentialing program, whereby workers received certificates after completing training. All workers engaged in response and cleanup activities had to have a training certification card showing that they had completed the BP-sponsored training program.

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