OKR10 Requirements – Qualified Person/Personnel

What Is a Qualified Person?

Under the 2022 OKR10 Construction Stormwater General Permit (OKR10), a Qualified Person (or Personnel) is someone (either an operator’s employee or outside personnel) who:

• is knowledgeable in the principles and practice of erosion and sediment controls and pollution prevention,
• possesses the skills and training to assess conditions at the construction site that could impact stormwater quality, and
• possesses the skills and training to assess the effectiveness of any control measures selected to control the quality of stormwater discharges from the construction activity.

For inspections conducted under OKR10, a Qualified Person (or Personnel) is someone (either an operator’s employee or outside personnel) who:

• is knowledgeable in the principles and practices of construction stormwater controls and pollution prevention,
• possesses the education and ability to assess conditions that could impact stormwater quality, and
• possesses the education and ability to assess the effectiveness of stormwater controls selected and installed to meet the requirements of the permit.

What Activities Require a Qualified Person?

The following activities must be performed by a Qualified Person.

• Preparing the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3). Use of a licensed professional engineer (PE) is not required; however, if any part of the SWP3 involves the practice of engineering, then those engineering practices and designs must be prepared by a licensed PE.
• Conducting site inspections. The person inspecting your site may be a person on your staff or a third party you hire to conduct such inspections. If you hire a third party to conduct inspections, and that party cannot implement corrective actions without prior approval, at least one member of your stormwater team must be present during inspections.
• Gathering and evaluating information for reports and other documents submitted to DEQ. The person signing such documents must certify that the documents (and attachments) were prepared under their direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that Qualified Personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted.
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Are There Specific Training or Certification Requirements to be Considered a Qualified Person?

OKR10 does not establish specific training or certification requirements for someone to be considered a **Qualified Person** who can conduct site inspection or perform other stormwater-related activities. You must have received appropriate training to meet the general requirements for a **Qualified Person** as defined above.

Are There Any Recommended or Required Training Courses?

DEQ does not recommend, require, or endorse specific training courses. However, there are many federal, state, and third-party training courses that can help you become a **Qualified Person**. With respect to inspector training, EPA offers an on-line construction inspection training course at no charge. This course is available at [https://tinyurl.com/y8vjuhds](https://tinyurl.com/y8vjuhds). EPA has also identified several other existing state and third-party stormwater courses that offer alternatives to EPA’s inspector training course. Information on these courses is available at [https://tinyurl.com/2p8je6n](https://tinyurl.com/2p8je6n).

What Documentation Do I Have to Keep?

Documentation of the **Qualified Person** (or **Personnel**) names, contact information, training records, inspector certification/licenses, and other supporting documentation must be included in your SWP3.

For more Information

For more information, please visit our OKR10 Construction Stormwater webpage at [https://www.deq.ok.gov/stormwater-permitting/okr10-construction-stormwater/](https://www.deq.ok.gov/stormwater-permitting/okr10-construction-stormwater/) or contact the Water Quality Division at 405-702-8100.