

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.



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>. 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/2p8jek6n>.

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/> or contact the Water Quality Division at 405-702-8100.