

Oil Sands Safety Association (OSSA) - Frequently Asked Questions

Question	Answer
<p>Who is the OSSA and what do they do?</p>	<p>The OSSA or the Oil Sands Safety Association was incorporated on July 7, 2003. The Associations principle objective is to bring together the current Oil Sands Owners: Shell Albian Sands Energy Inc., Canadian Natural Resources Ltd., Suncor Energy Inc., and Syncrude Canada Ltd., to design and implement an agreed set of safety training standards for the purpose of creating “an incident free workforce.” These standards and practices apply to the <u>contractor workforce</u> working in the region. The Association then accredits Training Providers programs to a specific safety training standard and contractors that train to these standards can move across plant sites without having to be re-trained.</p> <p>In 2010 the mandate of OSSA, was expanded to include a focus to put strategies and actions in place to improve the health and safety performance of the member sites and the region.</p>
<p>What safety training standards have been endorsed and where can I get more information on the standards?</p>	<p>The following safety training standards have been endorsed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fall Protection - Elevated Work Platform - Confined Space Entry/Monitor - Fire Watch <p>For more information on the standards visit the OSSA website at www.ossa-wb.ca and by choosing the “Standards & Codes” drop down menu each standard that has been endorsed is available for further information and printing.</p>
<p>How do I go about arranging training for a particular standard?</p>	<p>The OSSA website provides a list of Training Providers accredited to each standard. From the main OSSA webpage choose the Workers tab then either the program you are interested in or the list of all Training and Service Providers. You must contact the Training and Service Providers directly for location and cost of training and to make any arrangements to attend a class.</p> <p>After successfully completing the training the Training or Service Provider will issue a credential as proof of successfully completing the training.</p> <p>Note: The OSSA does not set the schedules or costs for any training.</p>

Question	Answer
How does an Organization become a Training Provider for the OSSA?	For information on the process to become an accredited Training Provider for a specific safety training standard visit the OSSA website and click on the Trainers tab
Does the training have a practical component that must be successfully completed?	During the development of each standard Project Teams research the relevance of incorporating a practical component for the standard. Based on research and any other information the Teams provide a recommendation with the standard for endorsement by the Owner Members. Not all standards therefore require that a practical component be completed to receive a credential as proof of successfully completing the specific training. When the standard under goes the 3 year re-write process, the requirement to complete a practical component is once again researched.
How often do I have to re-train (re-certify)?	During the development of each standard Project Teams research the relevance of re-certification for the standard. Based on research and any other information the Teams provide a recommendation with the standard for endorsement by the Owner Members. Currently all training standards have a 3 year re-certification period.
How will I know if OSSA training is required?	Verify training requirements with your Employer. Training requirements, whether OSSA or not, are defined in the contract the Employer has with the Owner Members (CNRL, Shell, Suncor and/or Syncrude).
What is the OSSA Regional Orientation?	The OSSA Regional Orientation replaces the “Welcome to the Oilsands” and is now a site access requirement. This Orientation is an <u>awareness/introduction to the oil sands and not training</u> . The OSSA Orientation is currently a one-time requirement and contract workers must provide proof of attendance once arriving on site.
What are interim dates, and how do they affect my training needs?	The interim date is a date set by the OSSA for all “New Workers”. From the interim date all “New Workers” (Contract workers) to an existing or new contract requiring the safety training must have completed an OSSA accredited training program. Interim dates for the OSSA standards are listed on the OSSA website where applicable.
What is the final compliance date, and how does this date affect my training needs?	The final compliance date is set by the OSSA for “All Workers”. From the final compliance date “All Workers” requiring the safety training must have completed an OSSA accredited training program. Final compliance for the OSSA standards are listed on the OSSA website where applicable.

Question	Answer
Train-the-Trainer	OSSA does not support Train-the-Trainer programs. OSSA requires all Licensed Training Providers to have an Instructor/Trainer training package for the Accredited Training Program they are going to instruct.
Changes to Confined Space Entry and Monitor credential expiration dates.	Effective July 11, 2011 all credentials issued for CSE2005-08 or CSM2005-10 should contain a 3 year expiration date. Expirations on credentials issued prior to that date are valid as printed. E.g. Prior to July 11, 2011 CSE2005-08 credentials have no expiration, CSM2005-10 credentials have a 1 year expiration.