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2005 Wisconsin Act 33
[2005 Senate Bill 2]

**Regional Emergency Response
Team Requirements**

2005 Wisconsin Act 33 amends statutory requirements for regional emergency response teams in Wisconsin.

Background

Wisconsin's Division of Emergency Management is statutorily required to contract with no more than nine regional emergency response teams, each of which assist in an emergency response to "level A releases" in a designated Wisconsin region. A "level A release" is a release of a hazardous substance requiring the highest level of protective equipment for the skin and respiratory systems of emergency response personnel.

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The Act requires a member of a regional emergency response team to meet the highest standards for a hazardous materials responder in a federal regulation that addresses requirements for a hazardous materials specialist [29 CFR 1910.120 (q) (6) (iv)], and in National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards NFPA 471 and 472. In addition, the Act requires regional emergency response teams to have at least one member that is trained in each of the appropriate specialty areas under standard NFPA 472.

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on August 30, 2005.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature's Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.