

# EHS Headlines

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Placing Clients First in Environment, Health and Safety

## What Can We Do For You?

Resource Environmental Associates is one of Canada's largest environmental health and safety engineering consulting firms. In addition to our consulting services, each year we provide over 100 scheduled public courses and many customized courses for clients. Our course topics range from a 4-hour W.H.M.I.S. training session to due diligence training for various levels of an organization. For more information on what we can provide to you and your workplace, read on, or contact Ana at our Toronto office at 416-495-1314 or achang@rea.ca.

### OHSAS 18001 – OHS Management Systems

Progressive employers around the globe have been adopting British Standards Institute OHSAS 18001 – The Occupational Health and Safety Management Systems Specification. In 2001, REA traveled to England to be trained by BSI's own instructors. Now REA is introducing 2 new courses that will explain OHSAS 18001-1999, and OHSAS 18002-2000 (the latter being the Guidelines for Implementation of OHSAS 18001 in Canadian Workplaces), the essentials of the specification (OHS management system elements, general requirements, OHS policy, planning, implementation and operation, checking and corrective action, and management review), practical ways of integrating OHSAS 18001 with Canadian occupational Health and Safety statutory and regulatory requirements, and the relationship between OHSAS 18001, ISO 14001 and ISO 9001.

### Joint Health and Safety Committee Member Certification

Every workplace with 20 or more regularly employed workers must have a Joint Health and Safety Committee (JHSC). For each committee, there must be at least 2 certified members: one representing workers, the other representing management. The Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) has announced that certification is now a 2-step process. Committee members wishing to become "certified", as defined under Ontario's Occupational Health and Safety Act, must successfully complete Basic (or Part 1) and Workplace / Sector-Specific (or Part 2) Hazard training. REA is an approved provider of Basic and Workplace-Specific Hazard training.

### OH&S for Managers & Supervisors - The "Competent Person" Course

Under the Occupational Health and Safety Act, "employers" must ensure that when appointing a "supervisor", appoint "competent person". What does this mean? A "competent person" is defined as a person who: (a) is qualified because of knowledge, training and experience to organize the work and its performance; (b) is familiar with [the] Act and regulations, and; (c) has knowledge of any potential or actual danger to health or safety in the workplace. Any worker who may be viewed as a "supervisor" under the Act should be aware of their duties and responsibilities.

## Would You Rather We E-Mail You?

Frankly, it would be our preference! If you'd like us to e-mail EHS Headlines instead of faxing it, just send your request (via e-mail) to: consultants@rea4ehs.com. Please be sure to tell us your real name and fax number so that we can take you off the fax distribution list.



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## Upcoming Courses

### Joint Health & Safety Committee Basic Certification:

February 13 & 14, 2002 – Hamilton  
February 19 & 20, 2002 – Toronto  
March 5 & 6, 202 – Kitchener  
March 6 & 7, 2002 – Ottawa  
March 12 & 13, 2002 – Toronto  
March 20 & 21, 2002 – London  
April 9 & 10, 2002 – Toronto

### Joint Health & Safety Committee Part 2 Certification – Health Care:

February 26 & 27, 2002 – Kingston  
March 26 & 27, 2002 – London  
April 3 & 4, 2002 – Toronto

### Joint Health & Safety Committee Part 2 Certification – Office:

February 20, 2002 – Kingston  
February 28, 2002 – Hamilton  
March 13, 2002 – London  
March 28, 2002 – Toronto  
April 10, 2002 – Ottawa

### Joint Health & Safety Committee Part 2 Certification – Industrial:

March 14 & 15, 2002- Toronto  
May 2 & 3, 2002 - Toronto

### Contractor & Project Safety Management:

March 13 & 14, 2002 – Kingston

### OHS for Managers & Supervisors – the "Competent Person" Course:

March 19 & 20, 2001 – Toronto

### Machine & Process Safeguarding:

February 27, 2002 – Toronto  
March 27, 2002 – Kitchener  
April 17, 2002 – Toronto

### Pre-start Health & Safety Review:

February 26, 2002 – Toronto  
March 26, 2002 – Kitchener  
April 16, 2002 - Toronto

### Environmental Protection Regulations in Ontario:

March 21, 2002 – Toronto

### Workplace Chemical Safety Regulations in Ontario:

April 18, 2002 – Toronto

### CLC Part II – OHS for Managers & Supervisors:

March 20 & 21, 2002 – Ottawa (french version)  
March 26 & 27, 2002 – Kingston (english version)

### CLC Part II – Workplace & Policy Health and Safety Committees:

June 12 & 13, 2002 – Ottawa (english version)

### OHSAS 18001 – OHS Management System Awareness Course:

May 30, 2002 – Toronto  
September 12, 2002 – Toronto

### OHSAS 18001 – OHS Management System Implementation Course:

March 5-7, 2002 – Toronto  
July 3-5, 2002 – Toronto

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