

# **Clandestine Drug Lab Cleanup Program Contractor Licensure Worker and Supervisor Certification**

## **General Information**

The following is an overview of the requirements for companies to become licensed as Drug Lab Decontamination Contractors, and for individuals to become trained and certified as Drug Lab Decontamination Workers and Supervisors. Our Web site at [www.oregon.gov/dhs/ph/druglab](http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/ph/druglab) provides a link to the laws that govern the program as well as information about the program and illegal drug manufacture. In order to perform evaluations or cleanup work at drug lab sites (with the exception indicated under Sampling Personnel below), individuals must be employees of a licensed Drug Lab Cleanup Contractor.

A list of unfit for use illegal drug manufacturing sites is available as public record, but all arrangements to be hired to perform work on site are made directly with the property owner or owner's agent.

## **Contractors**

### **License Requirements**

To become a licensed Drug Lab Cleanup Contractor, a contractor must:

- be registered, bonded, and insured as a General Contractor with the Oregon Construction Contractors Board.
- have at least one supervisor-trained and certified employee on staff. A supervisor must be on site during drug lab property sampling, and must ensure that decontamination activities follow the approved cleanup Work Plan.
- pay the Department's license fee. This fee is \$1,000.00 on or before July 1 of even years and \$500.00 before July 1 of odd years; all licenses expire June 30 of even years and fees are not prorated at the time of initial licensing.

Contractors must be licensed before they can advertise to perform work on unfit-for-use drug lab properties. Please note that licensed contractors are not allowed to do both sampling and cleanup at the same site; third-party sampling is required.

### **Contractor Listing**

The Clandestine Drug Lab Cleanup (CDL) Program by law makes a list of licensed contractors available to unfit-for-use property owners and their agents. The list is provided for informational purposes only and the CDL Program cannot endorse contractors or show a preference among them. The Program can and will provide information about commendations, complaints, or disciplinary action in a contractor's file to property owners or their agents

## **Unfit for Use Site Listing**

Contractors can find a list of illegal drug lab site available via links on the web at the address below. The site is maintained by Oregon's Building Codes Division (BCD) and is updated with information the CDL Program provides to BCD about new cases, closures, etc. Though this listing is available through the CDL Program and BCD, all arrangements to be hired and perform site work must be made directly with the property owner or owner's agent.

## **Workers and Supervisors**

To become certified as a Drug Lab Worker or Supervisor, individuals must:

- successfully complete at least 40 hours of OSHA-required hazardous materials training (HAZWOPER - 29 CFR 1910.120[e]) and have current, eight hour refresher training (if it has been over 12 months since the initial training).
- complete the Department of Human Services Drug Lab Decontamination Initial Training Course (two-day) and pass the final test with a score of at least 70%. This training is generally held once a year.
- pay the Department's course and exam fees. These fees are \$250.00 per person and include the two-day training course and exam.

In addition, individuals who wish to be licensed as Drug Lab Supervisors must successfully complete at least an additional eight hours of hazardous materials supervisor training.

In order to maintain their certifications, certified Workers and Supervisors must attend Department of Human Services-sponsored Drug Lab Recertification (Refresher) training at least every two years. The fee for Recertification training is \$100.00 per person.

## **Sampling Companies & Personnel**

Companies providing *only* sample collection, transportation, or testing services for licensed Drug Lab Decontamination Contractors need not be licensed under the present rules. However, personnel must meet the requirements for education, training, and experience found in OAR 333-040-0135 and 333-040-0110(2). When sampling personnel from these companies are on site they must be supervised at all times by a certified Drug Lab Cleanup Supervisor working with a licensed Drug Lab Cleanup Contractor. We recommend that companies planning to do sampling only send their sampling personnel to the Drug Lab Decontamination Initial Training Course.

If there are further questions about the program not answered above or on our Web site ([www.oregon.gov/dhs/ph/druglab](http://www.oregon.gov/dhs/ph/druglab)), please feel free to call us at (971) 673-0440.