

David Kahn, CIH

Environmental Health and Safety Trainer



David Kahn is an Environmental Health and Safety Trainer based in PBS' Portland office. He has been conducting safety training since the beginning of his career in the environmental health and safety field. His training experience began providing health and safety awareness level training on construction projects with environmental contamination and expanded into topics ranging from OSHA's Lead in Construction Standard to COVID-19 safety, management of waterborne pathogens, Lead Inspector and Risk Assessor, and 40-hour HAZWOPER training. His audiences include civil construction workers, school facilities staff, hospital management personnel, government employees, and everyone in between. David delivers technical information with clarity to develop job-applicable skills and practical knowledge.

EXPERIENCE

12 Years

EDUCATION

BS Environmental Science and Ecology, Sierra Nevada College

ACCREDITATION

American Board of Industrial Hygiene, Certified in Comprehensive Practice of Industrial Hygiene, #11883

American Council for Accredited Certification, Certified Indoor Environmental Consultant, #1611020

40-Hour HAZWOPER

Oregon Health Authority, Certified Lead Inspector/Risk Assessor, #2654-Indv-R

California Division of Occupational Safety and Health, Certified Asbestos Consultant, #15-5405

AHERA Asbestos Building Inspector, Project Designer, Management Planner, Contractor/Supervisor

David's project experience includes conducting hazardous building material surveys and remediation oversight, industrial hygiene assessments, indoor air quality evaluations, and environmental compliance monitoring. As a Certified Industrial Hygienist, David's focus has always been on collecting data to support practical, science-based solutions to client problems. His ability to clearly communicate technical information to clients, contractors, and community members has brought about the successful resolution of many safety and environmental challenges.

At PBS, David specializes in developing and delivering customized training that meets Federal and State regulatory requirements while focusing on the real-life work being performed at jobsites. His broad experience investigating and controlling health and safety hazards enables him to customize and connect a variety of training topics to the individual needs of our clients. David is very experienced delivering training both in-person and online.

RELEVANT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

INDUSTRY

2023 – 40-Hour HAZWOPER Training, Bend, Oregon. Co-developed a custom, 40-hour HAZWOPER training course for a contractor conducting excavation and paving work in a historic landfill site. The contractor's work required the recognition, practical understanding, and handling of a variety of hazardous materials. Training was delivered in person using a mixture of lectures, discussion, and hands-on exercises.

2023 – 24-Hour HAZWOPER Training, Portland and Oregon City, Oregon. Co-developed and delivered, custom 24-hour HAZWOPER training for Bonneville Power Administration, City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, the Portland Water Bureau, and Clackamas County.

2023 – 8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher Training, Various Locations. Co-developed and delivered, 8-hour HAZWOPER Refresher training for Bonneville Power Administration, City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, and the Portland Water Bureau.

2023 – PCB Paint Removal, Renton, Washington. Provided consulting services and training to Skanska construction crews for removal of PCB-contaminated paint. David developed safe work practices for the project and trained Skanska workers in awareness of the hazards and implementation of the project-specific safety practices.

2023 – OHA Approved Lead-Based Paint Trainer, Approved by the Oregon Health Authority as an authorized Lead-Based Paint training instructor, David provides training for Lead-Based Paint Inspection and Lead Risk Assessment to clients across the Pacific Northwest. David's students provide public health services protecting children from lead poisoning through inspections, risk assessments, and development of abatement and hazard mitigation measures.

2023 – EPA Approved Asbestos Trainer, Approved by the Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 as an authorized trainer for AHERA Asbestos Inspector, Management Planner and Project Designer training.

2021 – Multnomah County Behavioral Health Center, Mortenson Construction, Portland, Oregon. Developed Lead Compliance Program for complex renovation of historic building. Developed lead awareness training in compliance with OSHA standards for client and trained client staff. Performed lead exposure assessments to validate effectiveness of Lead Compliance Plan and worker training. Trained contractor Health and Safety manager to conduct additional assessments. *(Independent Experience)*

2020-2022 – COVID-19 Safety Team, FACS, Portland, Oregon. As part of an internal COVID-19 Expert Team, David lead the development of COVID-19 safe practices for employee safety and developed guidance for clients. David wrote and edited a variety of SOPs, health and safety plans, for staff and clients. Created COVID-19 health and safety training and presented them virtually. Revised and updated documents and trainings repeatedly as COVID-19 guidance was developed and updated by the CDC and other public health agencies. *(Independent Experience)*

2018 – Waterborne Pathogen Mitigation Program, St. Rose Hospital, Fremont, California. Developed Waterborne Pathogen Mitigation Program for control of *Legionella* bacteria and other waterborne pathogens at the hospital. Project included site risk assessment, development of written program, training of hospital management and staff, and hands-on implementation training with hospital facilities personnel. *(Independent Experience)*

2016-2019 – Waterborne Pathogen Mitigation Program, Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, Oakland, California. Developed Waterborne Pathogen Mitigation Program for control of *Legionella* bacteria and other waterborne pathogens at the hospital. Conducted initial and detailed site risk assessments across three (3) hospital campuses. Partnered with hospital facilities management and administrators to develop and implement the Waterborne Pathogens Mitigation Program. Became integral part of hospital Water Management Team, participation in monthly meetings and advising hospital management. Trained hospital staff on implementation of Program. *(Independent Experience)*