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§ 250.1931 Ultimate Work Authority (UWA)

The highest ranking person (usually a site supervisor), or person in charge (PIC) of the facility has the Ultimate Work Authority (UWA). If the person with UWA is unclear, or there are multiple facilities, refer to the facility station bill and/or company organization chart for clarity.

Site supervisors must ensure that all personnel clearly know who has UWA and who is in charge of a specific operation or activity at all times, including when that responsibility shifts to a different individual.

In every case, if an emergency occurs that creates an imminent risk or danger to the health or safety of an individual, the public, or to the environment, the individual with the UWA is authorized to pursue the most effective action necessary in that individual's judgment for mitigating and abating the conditions or practices causing the emergency
