

# Contractor HSE Manual 3.0: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)



## OVERVIEW

The Contractor Health Safety and Environmental Manual had a large overhaul in 2023 and will be launched for use on April 1, 2024. This document will provide answers to frequently asked questions regarding the release of the Contractor Health, Safety and Environmental Manual 3.0.

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**Q:** What is the Contractor Health Safety and Environmental Manual 3.0?

**A:** The manual is a document provided to all NiSource's Contractors. It is a policy, that houses occupational safety expectations for all contractors performing work for NiSource.

**Q:** Is this a new document?

**A:** No. The previous version (Contractor Health Safety and Environmental Manual 2.0) was released in February of 2018.

**Q:** When will this Manual be launched?

**A:** The launch date of the Contractor Health Safety and Environmental Manual will be April 1, 2024.

**Q:** When is the Manual going to be effective?

**A:** The effective date will be October 1, 2024. The period between the launch and effective date will be used to familiarize Contractors with the new manual, give opportunity to ask clarifying questions if needed, and become compliant.

**Q:** When will Contractors be audited using the newest version (3.0)?

**A:** Contractors who were hired prior to 4/1/24 will not be audited on the newest version (3.0) until the effective date, however new Contractors (hired 4/1/24 or after) will be audited on the newest version from the day they begin Work for NiSource.

**Q:** Why do I need to be aware of the Contractor Health, Safety and Environmental Manual 3.0 document and its updates?

**A:** It is a contract document for any Contractor working for NiSource. It can and will be used as an audit item.

**Q:** What has changed?

**A:** Detailed explanations of the changes can be found on the "Contractor HSE 3.0 Significant Updates Tailgate" or within the Contractor, Health, Safety and Environmental Manual 3.0 itself.

**Q:** If I have further questions regarding the Contractor Health, Safety and Environmental Manual 3.0, where should I direct those questions?

**A:** Please utilize this [link](#), or the QR code on the last page of the Manual to ask any questions, address concerns or provide suggestions for change.

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## Q&A Continued

**Q:** Are Flame Resistant (FR) vests required, no matter the job-task?

**A:** No, however, Class 3 high visibility apparel shall be worn on all active construction sites. Contractors shall follow NiSource's Hazardous Atmosphere Considerations Policy for guidance on when FR is required.

**Q:** Is this FAQ complete?

**A:** No, this document will be updated as needed to reflect frequently asked questions.

## CONTACT US

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Contractor Health, Safety and Environmental Manual 3.0, please utilize this [link](#), the QR code on page 64 of the Contractor Health, Safety and Environmental Manual 3.0, or contact [contractorfieldsafety@nisource.com](mailto:contractorfieldsafety@nisource.com).