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## **Potentially Hazardous Atmospheres in Intermodal Containers**



Any effective HazMat Awareness training class must include a discussion of the potentially hazardous atmospheres that may be present within the confines of intermodal containers that have recently been opened and wherein entry is to be attempted.

If the U.S. Department of Transportation-mandated HazMat Awareness training (See [49 CFR 172.704](#)) being provided at your port does not emphasize those potential atmospheric hazards, some thought should be given to amending that training curriculum.

Great Britain's Health & Safety Executive (HSE, that nation's equivalent of OSHA) published a press release yesterday (19 October) which underscores the importance of recognizing and guarding against those potential hazards. The press release also provides access to a recently issued HSE scientific report which allows greater depth in describing the HSE's findings and recommendations.

We provide a link to the full report here:

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/research/rrpdf/rr1178.pdf>

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