

**Please review and distribute this memo to the departments listed below**

**To: Department Directors**

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Please forward to:	Public Works	Highway Maintenance
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	Solid Waste/Sanitation	Environmental Services/Mosquito Control
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## **URGENT - PLEASE RESPOND IMMEDIATELY**

### **Chemical Spill Response Training for**

### **State of Georgia - City and County Government Employees**

Please review the attached information for an upcoming training class to be held on January 4<sup>th</sup> (Albany Area), January 5<sup>th</sup> (Atlanta Area), January 6<sup>th</sup> (Augusta Area), January 7<sup>th</sup> (Statesboro Area) , January 13<sup>th</sup> (Brunswick Area), and January 14<sup>th</sup> (Valdosta area).

**NEWS FLASH: EPA currently lists 398 city and county facilities in Georgia with violations, including a \$1,047,000 penalty at a county wastewater facility in September 2021. Are you ready for an inspection?**

**Training is now required by OSHA and EPA for all state and local government employees that are expected to respond to a chemical spill.** This class is especially important for employees at the following locations due to the chemicals they routinely handle:

**Public Works Employees - *Fuel products, anti-freeze, parts cleaners, paints and solvents***

**Parks and Recreation Employees - *Pesticide products, fuel products, paints and solvents***

**Highway Maintenance Employees - *Paints and solvents, herbicides, and fuel products***

**Water and Wastewater Treatment Employees - *Chlorine (both gas and liquified), Propane***

**Mosquito Control - *Pesticide products, fuel products***

**Solid Waste/Sanitation Employees - *Discarded chemical containers, unknown products***

The registration fee for the course is \$150 per employee, four or more employees are \$125 each. Fee includes all textbooks and other course materials. Payment may be made by government purchase order, check, or credit card.

***If you have any questions call Sigma Consulting and Training, Inc. at (863) 232-2910 or e-mail: [info@sigmatrainingservices.com](mailto:info@sigmatrainingservices.com)***

**This class is only offered once per year. Hundreds of city and county government agencies in Georgia have attended.**

**This class meets OSHA, EPA, and DOT training standards. Also approved by the Georgia Board of Examiners for recertification points for Water and Wastewater Operators and by the Georgia Dept. of Agriculture for pesticide applicator recertification.**

**Also approved for training hours for Georgia Firefighters.**

**Payment is not required prior to attending, but you must register in advance.**

**Note: If you have at least 20 persons attending, we can hold the training at your own facility for a substantial discount. Call for details at (863) 232-2910.**

# Georgia - City and County Government Employees Chemical Spill Response Training

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**It's not a matter of *if* a chemical spill is going to occur, it's just a matter of *when!*** Chemical handling is a requirement for many jobs in government service. From the variety of paints, solvents, and pesticides, to the fuel products we use everyday. Think about the products we transport on public highways. Even the gasoline or diesel fuel in your vehicle may become spilled in a traffic accident. *Part of being a good manager is making sure things go right on the job, and being prepared in case they don't.*

Approved by the Georgia Board of Licensing for Recertification Points for Water and Wastewater Operators, and by the GA Dept. Of Agriculture for pesticide applicator recertification.

Also approved for training hours for Georgia Firefighters.

## Do you know the rules?

Last year alone, there were over 34,000 spills large enough to require reporting to the federal government. Failure to make the necessary notifications can result in substantial fines. *Fuel products require reporting in some situations if only one drop is spilled.* Do you know what they are?

**A hardware store was fined \$20 million in 2021 for improper disposal of paint products. Do you know the rules that apply to you?**

**An employee placed a zip tie on a fuel dispenser handle and resulted in a \$90,000 fine. Do you know the requirements for fuel tank systems.**

**EPA issued a \$66,000 fine for simply not reporting a chlorine leak. Do you know when you have to notify authorities?**

OSHA and EPA strictly regulates who can respond to chemical releases. Without spill response training, your employees will not be allowed to assist you in cleaning up a chemical spill.

The majority of all spills are less than 50 gallons, yet can be more than \$10,000 to clean up when using an environmental contractor. Most cities and counties have all the necessary equipment, but employees **must** have the proper training

Trained employees can respond in a matter of minutes, instead of hours that most environmental contractors require to get to your site.

Sigma Consulting and Training, Inc., is offering chemical spill response training in your area to prepare your employees to respond to an emergency. The training satisfies the OSHA requirements for emergency responders, and includes eight hours of training covering: Spill response procedures, decontamination, personal protective equipment, respiratory protection, chemical storage and handling, and more.

Registration fee for the course is \$150 per employee, four or more employees are \$125 each. This includes textbooks and handout materials. Laminated wallet card and certificate of training will be provided after the course.

*The course instructor is a nationally recognized speaker and has trained employees from more than 300 companies, along with federal, state, and local agencies. These include the U.S. Army and Navy, Kennedy Space Center, and U.S. Dept. of Justice. The instructor also meets "Master Trainer" qualifications with the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security.*

**Albany Area**  
January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Hilton Garden Inn

**Atlanta Area**  
January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Holiday Inn - Airport West

**Augusta Area**  
January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Holiday Inn

**Statesboro Area**  
January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Holiday Inn

**Brunswick Area**  
January 13<sup>th</sup> 2022  
Hampton Inn

**Valdosta Area**  
January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Hilton Garden Inn

Register on-line by going to [sigmatrainingservices.com](http://sigmatrainingservices.com) or click on the link: [sigmatrainingservices.com](http://sigmatrainingservices.com)

To register by fax: Complete and fax the attached registration form to (863) 326-6780. Confirmation will be faxed back to you upon receipt of your registration.



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**Fax Registration Form**

Chemical Spill Response Training - Class Locations:

**Albany Area**  
Hilton Garden Inn  
101 Front Street  
Albany, GA 31701

**Atlanta Area**  
Holiday Inn  
3833 Princeton Lakes Ct.  
Atlanta, GA 30311

**Augusta Area**  
Holiday Inn  
441 Park West Drive  
Augusta, GA 30813

**Statesboro Area**  
Holiday Inn  
455 Commerce Drive  
Statesboro, GA 30461

**Brunswick Area**  
Hampton Inn  
128 Ventura Drive  
Brunswick, GA 31525

**Valdosta Area**  
Hilton Garden Inn  
1702 Gornto Road  
Valdosta, GA 31601

**Course Dates (Please select one below):**

( ) Albany Area    ( ) Atlanta Area    ( ) Augusta Area    ( ) Statesboro Area    ( ) Brunswick Area    ( ) Valdosta Area  
Jan 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022    Jan 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022    Jan 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022    Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022    Jan 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022    Jan 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022

**Fee:** \$150 per person, 4 or more \$125 each.    **Class Time:** 8:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m.

Indicate number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please provide names if known in advance).

Agency & Dept: \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate payment method: \_\_\_\_\_ Check    \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase Order    \_\_\_\_\_ Credit Card

*Payment does not have to be received prior to attending the class.*

Name (as it appears on the card) \_\_\_\_\_ Circle one: Visa    MC    AMEX

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Credit Card Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

(must match the billing address and zip code on your credit card statement)

Security Code\*: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount:\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Security Code found on front of AX (4 digits over last 4 numbers) and back of MC/VISA (last three digits by signature)*

**Government purchase orders accepted. Please make checks payable and mail to:**

*Sigma Consulting and Training, Inc.  
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**(Please forward a copy of your purchase order when completed)**

Cancellations received at least three days prior to the class will receive a 100% refund. No refunds less than three days prior to class. Class size is limited.....You must register in advance to secure your seat in the class!