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URGENT - PLEASE RESPOND IMMEDIATELY

Chemical Spill Response Training for State of Texas - City and County Government Employees

Please review the attached information for an upcoming training class to be held on July 18th (Waco Area) July 19th (Austin Area), July 20th (Houston Area), July 21st (Dallas Area), July 22nd (Little Elm Area).

NEWS FLASH: EPA reported inspections at 3,912 city and county facilities in Texas, with 844 with current violations. Including a recent \$4,400,000 fine against a city wastewater plant in April 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**

This class is only offered once per year. More than 100 City and County agencies in Texas have sent their employees to this class in the past.

This class meets OSHA, EPA, and DOT training standards. Approved by TCEQ for 8 hours of Continuing Education for Water and Wastewater Operators, Municipal Solid Waste Techs, and PST Project Managers. Also approved by the Texas Dept. of Agriculture for 8 hours of training for licensed Pesticide Applicators.

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.

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.

Register on-line by going to sigmatrainingservices.com or click on the link: sigmatrainingservices.com

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Texas - City and County Employees Chemical Spill Response Training

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.*

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Do you know the rules?

Last year alone, there were over 33,000 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 school employee was awarded \$289 million for exposure to chemicals on the job. Do you know what protective gear is required?

An employee placed a zip tie on a fuel dispenser handle, resulting in a \$500,000 cleanup and \$90,000 fine. Do you know the rules that apply?

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 may cost \$10,000 or more 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.

Waco Area

July 18th, 2022
Holiday Inn
1801 Development
Blvd Waco

Austin Area

July 19th, 2022
Aiden Austin City Hotel
2200 IH-35
South Austin

Conroe Area

July 20th, 2022
City of Conroe Training Room
401 Sgt Ed Holcomb Blvd S
Conroe

Dallas Area

July 21st, 2022
Holiday Inn Express
6055 LBJ Freeway
Dallas

Little Elm Area

July 22nd, 2022
Little Elm Public Works
1600 Mark Tree Lane
Little Elm

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Fax Registration Form

Course Title: Chemical Spill Response Training

Location: Waco Area

Holiday Inn
1801 Devel. Blvd
Waco, TX 76705

Austin Area

Austin Aiden City Htl.
2200 IH-35 South
Austin, TX 78704

Conroe Area

Conroe Training Room
401 Sgt Ed Holcomb Blvd S
Conroe, TX 77304

Dallas Area

Holiday Inn Express
6055 LBJ Freeway
Dallas, TX 75240

Little Elm Area

Little Elm Public Works
1600 Mark Tree Lane
Little Elm, TX 75068

Directions:

(254) 781-6778

(512) 444-0561

(936) 522-3885

(972) 404-4500

(972) 377-5556

Date of Course: () Waco Area () Austin Area () Conroe Area () Dallas Area () Frisco Area
(Please select) July 18th, 2022 July 19th, 2022 July 20th, 2022 July 21st, 2022 July 22nd, 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)

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

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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!