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Please forward to:	Public Works	Highway Maintenance
	Parks and Recreation	Water/Wastewater Treatment
	Solid Waste/Sanitation	Environmental Services/Mosquito Control
	SPCC Coordinator	Stormwater Compliance/MS4

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## URGENT - PLEASE RESPOND IMMEDIATELY

### Chemical Spill Response Training for State of South Carolina - City and County Government Employees

Please review the attached information for an upcoming training class to be held on April 18th (Greenville Area), April 19th (Columbia Area), and April 20th (Charleston Area).

**NEWS FLASH: EPA reported inspections at 319 city and county facilities in South Carolina in the last three years. Multiple wastewater plants received fines in 2022. 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 \$160 per employee, four or more employees are \$135 each. Fee includes all textbooks and other course materials. Payment may be made by purchase order, check, or credit card.

**This class is only offered once per year. More than 100 city and government agencies in South Carolina have sent their employees in the past.**

**This class meets OSHA, EPA, and DOT training standards. Also approved for Continuing Education by the State of South Carolina for Water and Wastewater Operators and by the Clemson University Dept. of Pesticide Regulation 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.**

***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)***

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# South Carolina - 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.*

Approved by the State of South Carolina for Continuing Education for Water and Wastewater Operators and by the Clemson University Dept. of Pesticide Regulation for licensed Pesticide Applicators.

Also satisfies annual refresher requirement for other Hazmat 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 \$160 per employee, four or more employees are \$135 each. This includes textbooks and handout materials. Laminated wallet card and certificate of training will be provided after the course.

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*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.*

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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?

**Learn the source of the Camp Lejeune water contamination. Could the same happen at your facility?**

**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 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.

## Greenville Area

April 18th, 2023  
Hampton Inn  
108 Spartangreen Blvd.  
Duncan

## Columbia Area

April 19th, 2023  
Hyatt Place  
1130 Kinley Road  
Irmo

## Charleston Area

April 20th, 2023  
Hilton Garden Inn  
5265 International Blvd.  
North Charleston

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To register: Complete and fax the attached registration form to (863) 326-6780.

A confirmation will be sent to you upon receipt of your registration.



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## Fax Registration Form

**Course Title:** Chemical Spill Response Training

<b>Locations:</b>	<b>Greenville Area</b>	<b>Columbia Area</b>	<b>Charleston Area</b>
	Hampton Inn 108 Spartangreen Blvd Duncan, SC 29334	Hyatt Place 1130 Kinley Road. Irmo, SC 29063	Hilton Garden Inn 5265 International Blvd. N. Charleston, SC 29418

<b>Directions/Hotel Reservations:</b>	(864) 486-8100	(803) 407-1560	(843) 308-9330
<b>Date of Course</b> (Please select)	( ) Greenville Area April 18th, 2023	( ) Columbia Area April 19th, 2023	( ) Charleston Area April 20th, 2023

**Fee:** \$160 per person, 4 or more \$135 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.*

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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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*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!