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

### **To: Department Directors**

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Please forward to: Public Works Parks and Recreation Solid Waste/Sanitation SPCC Coordinator From: Sigma Consulting and Training, Inc. Phone: (863) 232-2910 Fax: (888) 350-1506 e-mail: info@sigmatrainingservices.com

Highway Maintenance Water/Wastewater Treatment Environmental Services/Mosquito Control Stormwater Compliance/MS4

## **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 7<sup>th</sup> (Albany Area), January 8<sup>th</sup> (Atlanta Area), January 9<sup>th</sup> (Statesboro Area) January 16<sup>th</sup> (Brunswick Area), and January 17<sup>th</sup> (Valdosta area).

NEWS FLASH: EPA currently lists 385 city and county facilities in Georgia with violations, including a \$163,000 penalty at a city facility in May of 2024. 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. 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 <u>is not</u> 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 \$160 per employee, four or more employees are \$135 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

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# Georgia - City and County Government 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* 

# Do you know the rules?

Last year alone, there were over 30,000 spills large enough to require reporting to the federal government. Failure to make the necessary notifications can result in substantial fines. <u>Fuel</u> <u>products require reporting in some situations if</u> <u>only one drop is spilled</u>. Do you know what they are?

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

A city wastewater plant employee was sentenced to one year in prison for violating their permit requirements and making a false statement. Are you ready for an inspection?

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 <u>must</u> have the proper training

Albany Area January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Hilton Garden Inn 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.

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

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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.

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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Brunswick Area January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Hampton Inn Valdosta Area January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 Hilton Garden Inn

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To register by fax: Complete and fax the attached registration form to (888) 350-1506. 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:

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Fee: \$160 per person, 4 or more \$135 each. Class Time: 8:00 a.m to 5:00 p.m.					
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