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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 14th (Waco Area) July 15th (Austin Area), July 16th (Houston Area), July 17th (Dallas Area), July 18th (Little Elm Area).

NEWS FLASH: EPA reported inspections at 4,499 city and county facilities in Texas, with 832 with current violations. Including a \$44,000 fine at a wastewater plant in December 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. 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 <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.

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. <u>Fuel</u> products require reporting in some situations if only one drop is spilled. Do you know what they

Last year, a fish kill from an illicit discharge resulted in a fine of \$23,000. Learn basic steps you can take to prevent spills.

In 2023, a city wastewater plant employee was sentenced to a year in prison for making false statements during a state inspection. Do you know the rules that apply to you?

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 \$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.

Waco Area

July 14th, 2025 Holiday Inn 1801 Development Blvd Waco

Austin Area

July 15th, 2025 Aiden Austin City Hotel 2200 IH-35 South Austin

Conroe Area

July 16th. 2025 City of Conroe Training Room 401 Sgt Ed Holcomb Blvd S Conroe

Dallas Area

July 17th, 2025 6055 LBJ Freeway Dallas

Little Elm Area

July 18th, 2025 Holiday Inn Express Little Elm Public Works Ctr 1600 Mark Tree Lane Little Elm

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Fax Registration Form

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