

# Enforcement Process Overview Course



## **Course Description and Objectives**

*Enforcement Process Overview*, a 2-day course, provides an overview of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Superfund enforcement process for Remedial Project Managers (RPM) and On-Scene Coordinators (OSC). By taking the course, participants will achieve the following objectives:

- Learn about the goals, priorities, and actions of the Superfund enforcement program. The course provides an introduction to response actions and enforcement authorities under Superfund; illustrates the relationship between major enforcement actions and remedial and removal actions; defines Superfund enforcement goals and principles; identifies objectives of Superfund enforcement reforms; and highlights current enforcement priorities of EPA.
- Understand EPA's fundamental principles and policies related to enforcement, the four types of potentially responsible parties (PRP), common defenses against liability, and other enforcement policies. The course examines the four classes of PRPs, identifies PRP's defenses and exemptions to liabilities, and identifies major enforcement discretionary policies.
- Understand the Superfund enforcement process and the roles of states, tribes, Federal agencies, and communities in the enforcement process. The course examines and applies EPA's cost recovery strategy and discretionary enforcement policies, as well as the roles of administrative and judicial law in the enforcement process.
- Develop their ability to use the tools available to encourage settlements. Participants will learn about the various types of enforcement tools, such as alternative dispute resolution, that are used in the settlement process.

## **Target Audience**

There are no tuition costs for this introductory-level training course, which is intended for technical personnel of Federal, state, and local agencies and tribes. The *Fundamentals of Superfund Course* or its equivalent is a prerequisite for this course. The course is directed primarily for EPA RPMs and OSCs who have a minimal level of experience in the Superfund enforcement program, other EPA personnel involved in Superfund enforcement activities, as well as staff of Federal and state agencies who are involved in Superfund enforcement activities. This course also is mandatory for EPA RPMs and OSCs to meet the inspector training requirements set forth under Executive Order 3500.1.

#### About the CERCLA Education Center

The CERCLA Education Center (CEC) is a unique training forum implemented by EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response. CEC courses have been developed cooperatively by the Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation; the Office of Emergency Management; the Office of Acquisition Management; the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance; and the Office of Research and Development. Site managers from many EPA regions provide technical advice, comment, and support. The CEC's structured curriculum, designed primarily for EPA hazardous waste site managers, enables participants to attend training that is of particular interest to them and most appropriate to their projects and workloads.



Please see the reverse side of this flier for a condensed outline of the course, as well as information about registering to attend the course.

#### **Condensed Course Outline**

- I. Enforcement Overview
- II. PRP Liability
- III. PRP Search
- IV. Administrative and Judicial Procedures
- V. Records Management

- VI. Consent Decree Settlements
- VII. Settlement Tools
- VIII. Superfund Enforcement: Program Operations
- IX. Cost Recovery

## How to Register

Be sure to register on line for the *Enforcement Process Overview Course* and view the most recent schedule of course offerings at *www.trainex.org*. For offerings of the *Enforcement Process Course*, also look under the "*Superfund Academy 101*" at *www.trainex.org*.

# **Related Courses**

Additional training opportunities related to this course include:

- *Fundamentals of Superfund Course* provides an overview of CERCLA and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP). This 3-day training is mandatory for EPA OSCs and RPMs to meet the inspector training requirements under Executive Order 3500.1 The *Fundamentals of Superfund Course* is a prerequisite for EPA employees who would like to attend the *Removal Process Course*, the *Remedial Process Course*, and the *Enforcement Process Course*.
- **Removal Process Course** provides the fundamental information and practical knowledge to effectively plan and conduct removal actions in response to releases of hazardous substances and discharges of oil. This 4 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-day training is designed primarily for OSCs and other environmental professionals in the Superfund program who are responsible for or need to know about removal activities under CERCLA. The *Fundamentals of Superfund Course* is a prerequisite for EPA employees who would like to attend the *Removal Process Course*.
- *Remedial Process Course* provides a comprehensive examination of the technical and regulatory issues that must be addressed during remedial response efforts at Superfund sites. This 4 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>-day training is designed primarily for RPMs and other environmental professionals in the Superfund program who are responsible for or need to know about remedial activities under CERCLA. The *Fundamentals of Superfund Course* is a prerequisite for EPA employees who would like to attend the *Remedial Process Course*.
- *New Attorney Orientation Training* provides attorneys who are new to Superfund with a thorough understanding of the components of the Superfund program and the role of the Superfund attorney in these cases. The importance of the partnership among members of the case team is stressed throughout the course. The intended audience is all regional attorneys who are new to the program. Attorneys from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), and other Federal agencies and from states that work closely with Superfund also may attend. This course is offered every two years.

# **More Information**

For more information about the CEC and the most recent schedule of course offerings, please call (703) 603-9910 or visit EPA's web site about training opportunities at *www.trainex.org* or visit EPA's National Enforcement Training Institute's on-line training resource site at *www.netionline.com*.