

EPA Course Synopsis: Planning and Management of Munitions Response Actions

Course Offering:

When: July 26, 27, 28, 2005

Where: Raddison Hotel, 2020 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington Virginia

Registration Deadlines:

- EPA/State staff – May 23, 2005
- DoD/Others – June 15, 2005

Important Note: A commitment to attend all three days is required for confirmation of registration. See below for course description.

Purpose:

The purpose of this course is to provide an overview of technical training essential to project managers involved in the investigation and cleanup of munitions and explosives of concern (MEC) at ranges that are no longer operational and at closed or closing ammunition sites such as ammunition depots, storage areas, and manufacturing areas. The training is intended to give technical project managers enough knowledge of MEC issues to prepare for, plan and conduct a MEC investigation. The Systematic Planning Process (SPP) is emphasized as a model for project planning

The main technical focus of this training is the management of the explosive component of abandoned or fired munitions and the associated soil media (reactive or ignitable in nature). The investigation of munitions residue is only addressed to the extent that there are issues unique to these types of chemical residues. The course assumes a basic familiarity with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and the Comprehensive, Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). Although a regulatory framework is provided, the training focuses on the technical and project management of munitions responses.

Primary Audience:

- Regulatory oversight personnel (e.g., EPA, State, and tribal remedial and removal project managers).
- Department of Defense and other Federal agency environmental managers, as space allows.
- Contractor staff supporting specific sites (DoD or other Federal agencies), with the sponsorship of their agency.

What this course will do:

Provide the range of technical and policy information that allows non-ordnance experts to direct the investigation and cleanup of ranges and to oversee the development of investigation and cleanup plans.

What this course will not do:

- Make participants expert in the management of explosives and associated safety issues. It will make you cognizant of when to call in the experts!
- Equip participants to recognize and handle MEC.

Subjects Covered:

Using a combination of lectures and hands-on exercises, the following topic areas are covered over a three-day period:

Module 1: Framework for Management of MEC

- DoD Perspective
- Regulatory Framework (Federal and State)
- Munitions 101 (What is a Bomb?)
- Explosive Safety – Issues, role of DDESB

Module 2: Preparing for the Investigation:

- Introduction to Systematic Planning
- Introduction to Conceptual Site Models
- Introduction to Historical Research
- Unique nature of MEC Conceptual Site Models
- Overview of tools for carrying out investigation

Module 3: Tools for carrying out the investigation

- QA/QC throughout the investigation process
- Detection technologies, data processing and discrimination
- Designing a MEC investigation plan
- Use of field analytical techniques and sampling strategies for munitions constituents (MC)
- Risk and Hazard Assessment of MEC

Module 4: Response Actions/Cleanup

- Disposal of MEC
- Remediation of ground waters and soils contaminated with MC

Registration:

EPA and State personnel who wish to be assured of a place in the course must submit their registrations by May 23, 2005. If the course is oversubscribed, attendees will be selected on a first come, first served basis. Registration should not be assumed until confirmation of such registration is received. Registration forms can be obtained by contacting contractor support staff listed below:

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