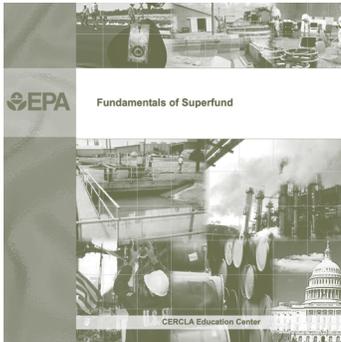


Course Description and Objectives

Fundamentals of Superfund, a 3-day introductory training course, provides an overview of the purpose, legal framework, and implementation of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) and the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP) for newly hired Remedial Project Managers (RPM) and On-Scene Coordinators (OSC). By taking the course, participants will achieve the following objectives:

- **Understand the evolution of the Superfund program.** The course explores the origin, accomplishments, and future of the Superfund program.
- **Understand the statutory and regulatory basis for the authorities of OSCs and RPMs.** The course provides an overview of the roles of the OSC and RPM as they are defined in laws, regulations, policy, and guidance, including a comparison of authorities and liabilities.
- **Learn about the three types of response activities defined under CERCLA.** The course discusses the components of the removal, remedial, and enforcement programs and the major responsibilities of OSCs and RPMs in their work on Superfund responses, site cleanups, and enforcement activities.
- **Apply practical recommendations for conducting cleanup activities.** Participants will complete case study exercises that bring to life the issues that an OSC or RPM may encounter when conducting activities ranging from discovery or notification to closeout of a site.
- **Use information about the enforcement process of Superfund in performing their responsibilities efficiently and effectively.** Participants will obtain information about such enforcement topics as liability under CERCLA, identification of potentially responsible parties (PRP), and settlement tools.



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.

Target Audience

There are no tuition costs for this introductory-level training course, which is intended only for personnel of Federal, state, and local agencies and tribes. The course is designed for newly hired EPA OSCs and RPMs who have less than one year of experience in the Superfund program. Other Superfund support personnel, such as community involvement coordinators, site assessment managers, and enforcement personnel, also are allowed to participate. This course is mandatory for EPA OSCs and RPMs to meet the inspector training requirements set forth under Executive Order 3500.1.

Participants will receive reference materials and a timeline that highlights the different stages of the Superfund process.

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.

Condensed Course Outline

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| I. Overview of CERCLA | B. Remedial investigation/feasibility study |
| II. Statutory and Regulatory Framework | C. Remedy selection process |
| A. Statutory authorities of OSCs and RPMs | D. Remedial design/remedial action |
| B. Funding response actions | E. Operation and maintenance and post construction activities |
| C. Relationship of CERCLA to other environmental laws | F. Records management |
| III. Discovery, Notification, and Initial Site Assessment | VI. Liability and Enforcement |
| A. Reporting requirements | A. Overview of CERCLA enforcement |
| B. Method of discovery | B. Liability under CERCLA |
| C. Reporting process | C. Enforcement authorities under CERCLA |
| D. Site assessments | D. Identification, notification, and negotiations with PRPs |
| E. Hazard Ranking System and National Priority List | E. Settlements and settlement tools |
| F. Data management | F. Oversight and cost recovery |
| IV. Removal Process | VII. Community Involvement |
| A. Defining removal action | A. Community involvement in Superfund |
| B. Types of removals actions | B. Goals and strategies for risk communication |
| C. Elements of removal actions | C. Enhancing public participation |
| D. Funding removal actions | VIII. Federal Facilities |
| E. Documentation and file maintenance | A. Applicability of CERCLA at Federal facilities |
| F. Oil removals | B. Federal facilities as PRPs |
| V. Remedial Process | C. Unique issues at Federal facilities |
| A. Introduction | |

How to Register

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

Related Courses

Additional training opportunities for OSCs and RPMs include:

- ***Enforcement Process Overview Course*** provides an overview of EPA’s Superfund enforcement process for RPMs and OSCs. This 2-day training is an Executive Order 3500.1 requirement for OSCs, RPMs, and their first line supervisors. The *Fundamentals of Superfund Course* is a prerequisite for EPA employees who would like to attend 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 ½-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 ½-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*.

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.