

## Contaminant Awareness Training

The Hawaii State Department of Health (HDOH) Hazard Evaluation and Emergency Response (HEER) Office used Environmental Protection Agency grant funds to develop this one-hour presentation as a public service at no cost to attendees. This course is designed to teach workers to identify contamination at or adjacent to the job site and protect themselves, the public and the environment as they work. Anyone who may encounter contaminated soil and/or groundwater during excavation work, but is not a trained environmental professional may benefit from this Contaminant Awareness Training. The training may also help other regulators, project managers, safety officers, or environmental personnel who may encounter types of contamination outside their realm of training and expertise.

## PEOPLE WHO NEED THIS COURSE

- Utility workers
- Construction workers (Field personnel, project managers/engineers, health and safety managers)
- Planners
- Developers
- Landowners
- Private Citizens

Resources and tools are provided to help you anticipate what type of contamination could be encountered at or near your job site. Also find out how to effectively handle a new or old release of contamination during excavation activities and minimize the disruption to your project.

## ESSENTIAL SKILLS YOU WILL LEARN

- ✓ Understand why recognizing, managing, and reporting contamination is important
- ✓ Identify potentially contaminated areas during planning based upon:
  - Historical site use
  - HDOH resources
- ✓ Identify potential contamination in the field by recognizing:
  - Visual and olfactory signs of contamination
  - Contaminant exposure symptoms
- ✓ Report releases of suspected contamination
  - Know who to call and when to call
  - Know what information to give when reporting a release
- ✓ Know when it is time to seek expert help

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WHO should attend?

Anyone planning or conducting excavations of any size.

WHAT does it teach?

- -- How to keep workers, the public, and the environment safe from harmful contamination.
- ---How and when to get help when contamination is encountered.

WHEN is the training?

September 26, 2013 at 10:00 AM

WHERE is the training?

Hawaii Department of Health
AAFES Building, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor
Conference Room
919 Ala Moana Blvd
Honolulu, HI 96814

WHY should I take this

course? Regulators visit a variety of sites. Learn to recognize potential environmental issues that are outside your typical area of expertise so you can stay safe.

