

## Environmental Courses

### Environmental Regulatory Compliance Audits

#### Course Description:

In this course, students will learn why environmental-audit programs are needed, how to develop and conduct them using the ASTM Standard Practice for Environmental Regulatory Compliance Audits (E 2107) and other auditing materials and tools, and how to prepare for an environmental audit by a regulatory agency. Other topics include environmental-liability issues faced in the federal sector, areas where federal and state environmental requirements may differ, and how environmental-regulatory audits intersect with environmental-management systems (EMS) as discussed in Executive Order 13423, “Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management.” Course materials will cover the major federal environmental statutes and regulations ; however, class discussions will emphasize areas of particular interest to participants. as well as students’ agencies’ environmental-audit programs. This course can be useful for specifying work for internal or external auditors, scoping contracts, and negotiating agreements with regulatory agencies.

#### Learning Objectives:

- Understand environmental auditing as a professional practice
- Get perspective on how auditing relates to an organization’s mission and EMS
- Identify benefits and risks and ways to optimize benefits and minimize risk
- Understand more about auditing standards
- Be able to identify key elements related to design and structure of an audit program
- Understand audit process from initiating the audit to wrapping up
- Understand ethics and standards related to conducting an audit
- Better understand federal regulations and applicability at federal facilities

**Target Audience:** Federal employees responsible for environmental compliance auditing, interested in conducting an internal environmental-compliance audit, or interested in hiring a professional to conduct an external environmental-compliance audit

#### Dates/Locations:

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| • February 10–12, 2009 | Denver, Colorado        |
| • April 21–23, 2009    | Washington, DC          |
| • May 19–21, 2009      | Albuquerque, New Mexico |

**Time:** For specific class times and room locations, go to: [www.doi.gov/training](http://www.doi.gov/training).

**Competencies Addressed:** Environmental Auditing, Environmental Compliance, Environmental Management

**Tuition:** All federal employees...\$520