

U.S. EPA and RAIS Screening Level Calculator Training for Chemical and Radionuclide Risk Analysis

Course Evaluation Summary

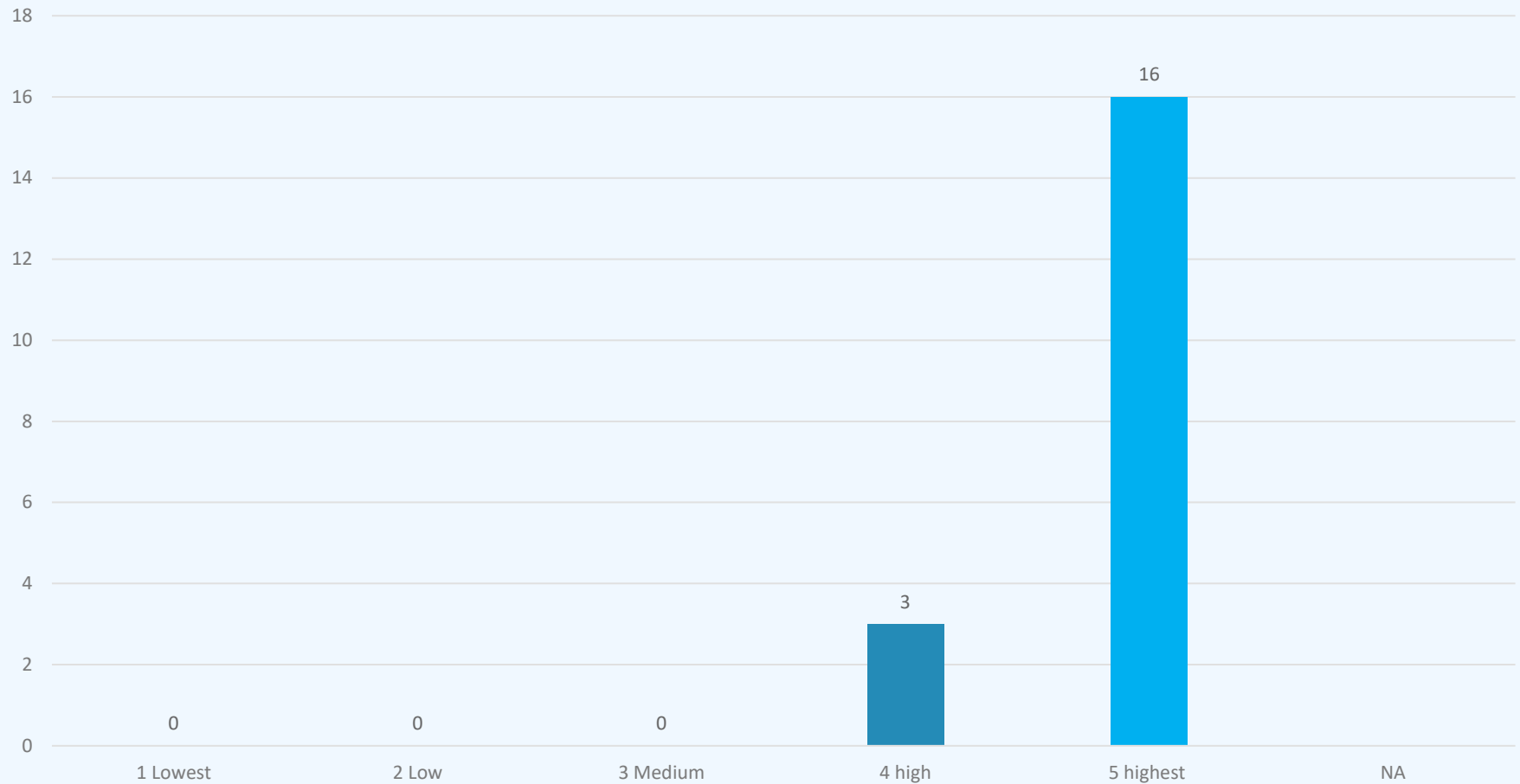
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19 responses provided in person from 20 attendees

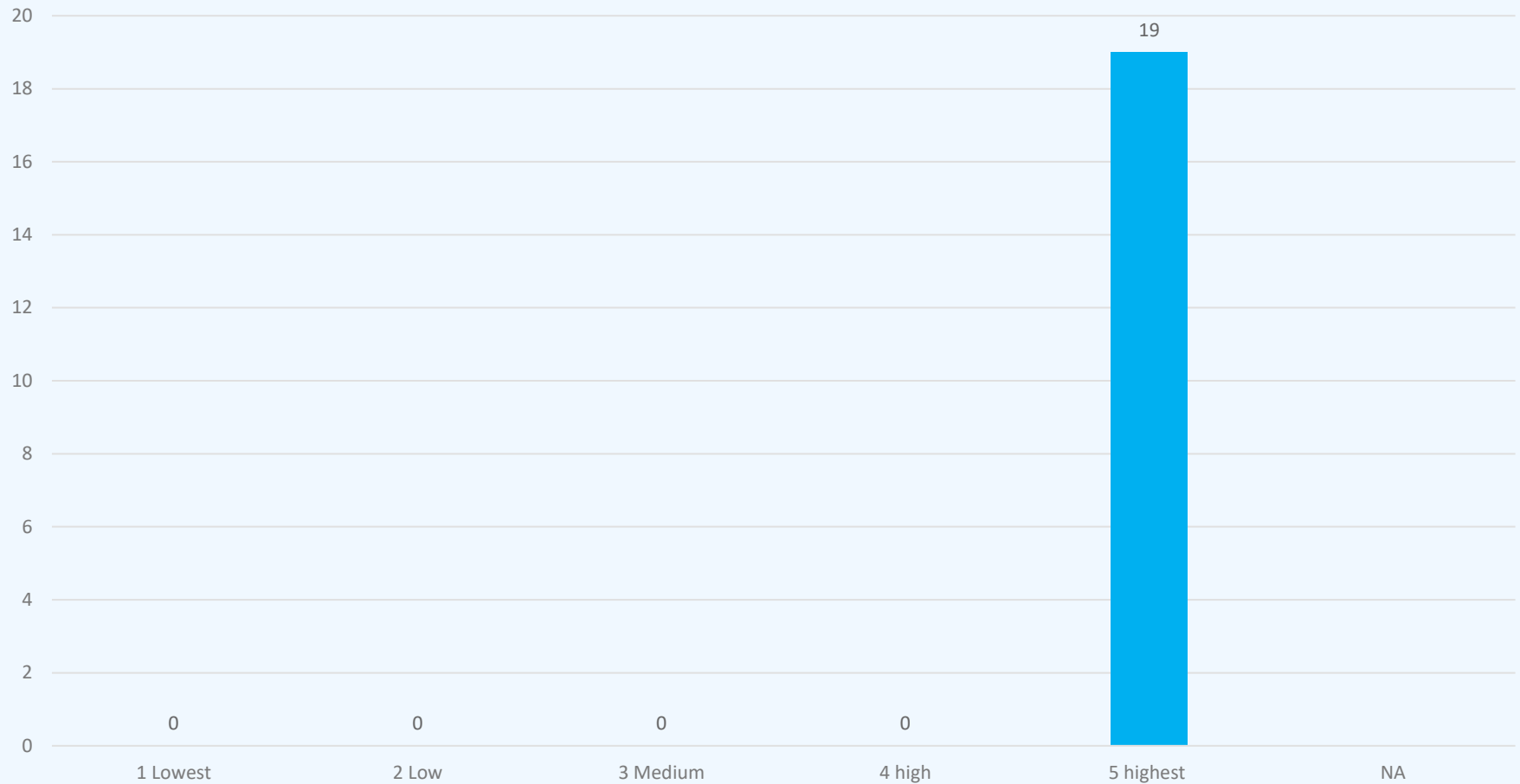
I would recommend participating in this training to my colleagues.

Absolutely for anyone to be associated with risk assessment.



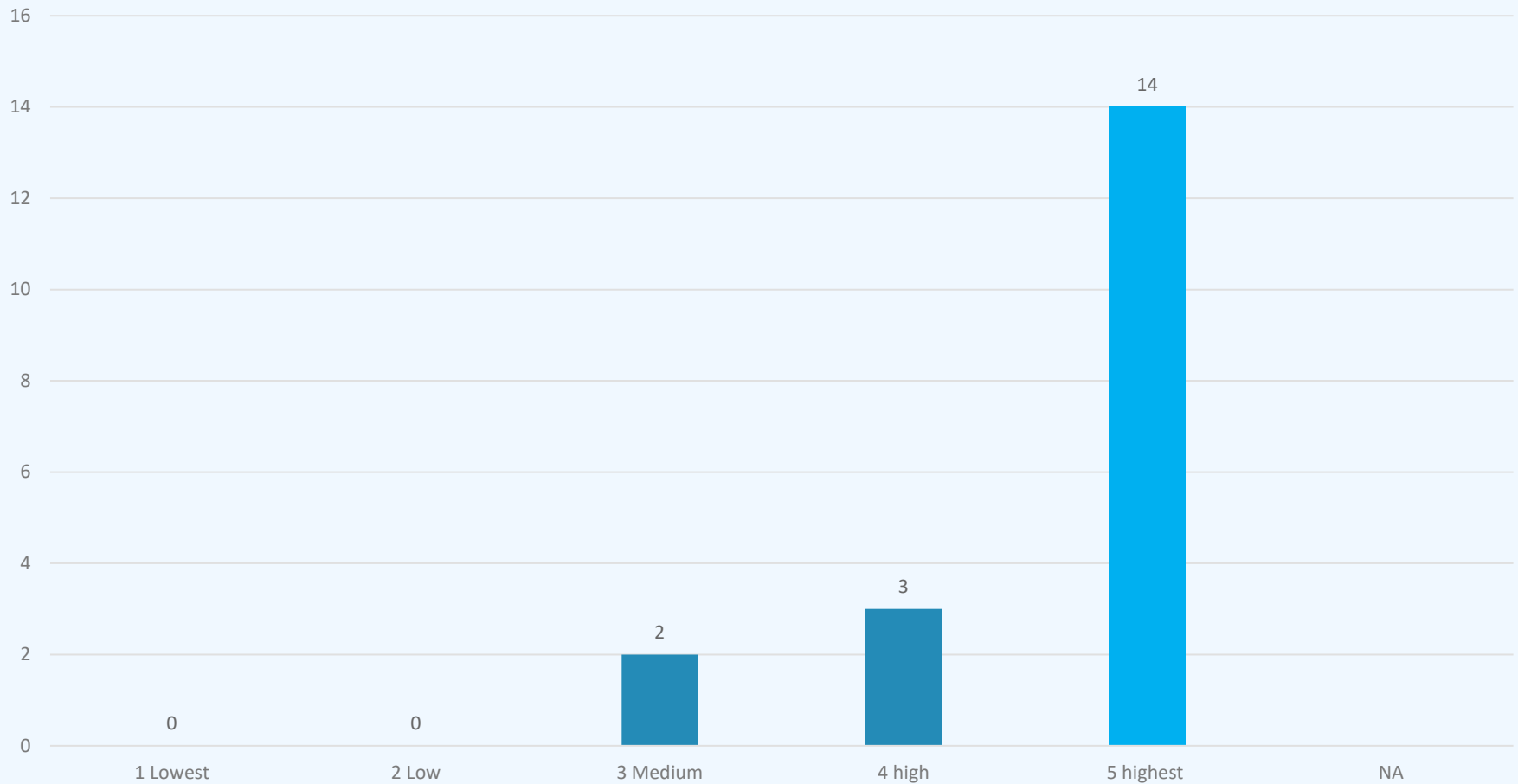
The instructors were very knowledgeable about their topics.

Exceptionally knowledgeable in the process and tool history



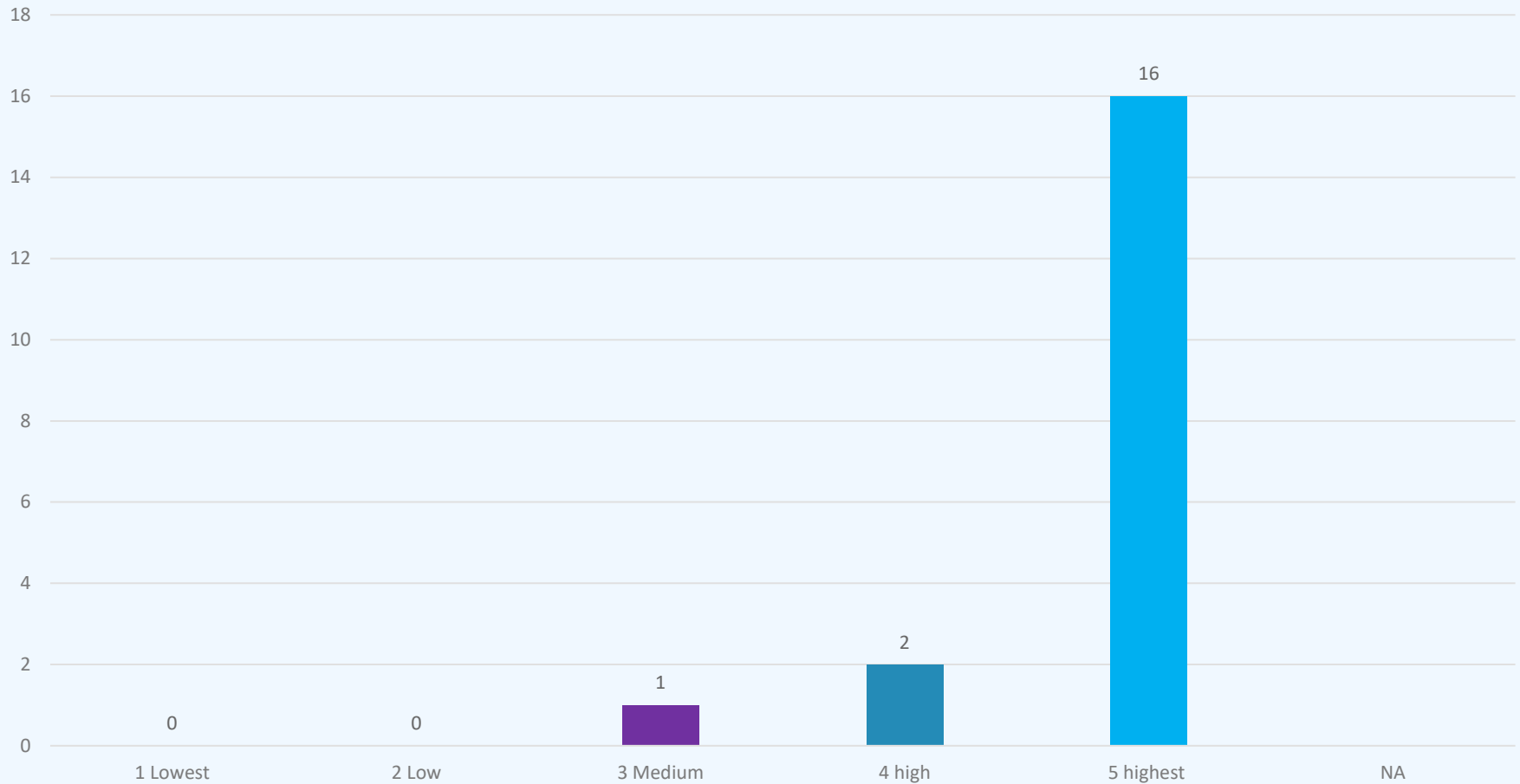
The hands-on exercises were useful.

Great review of information presented in the class.



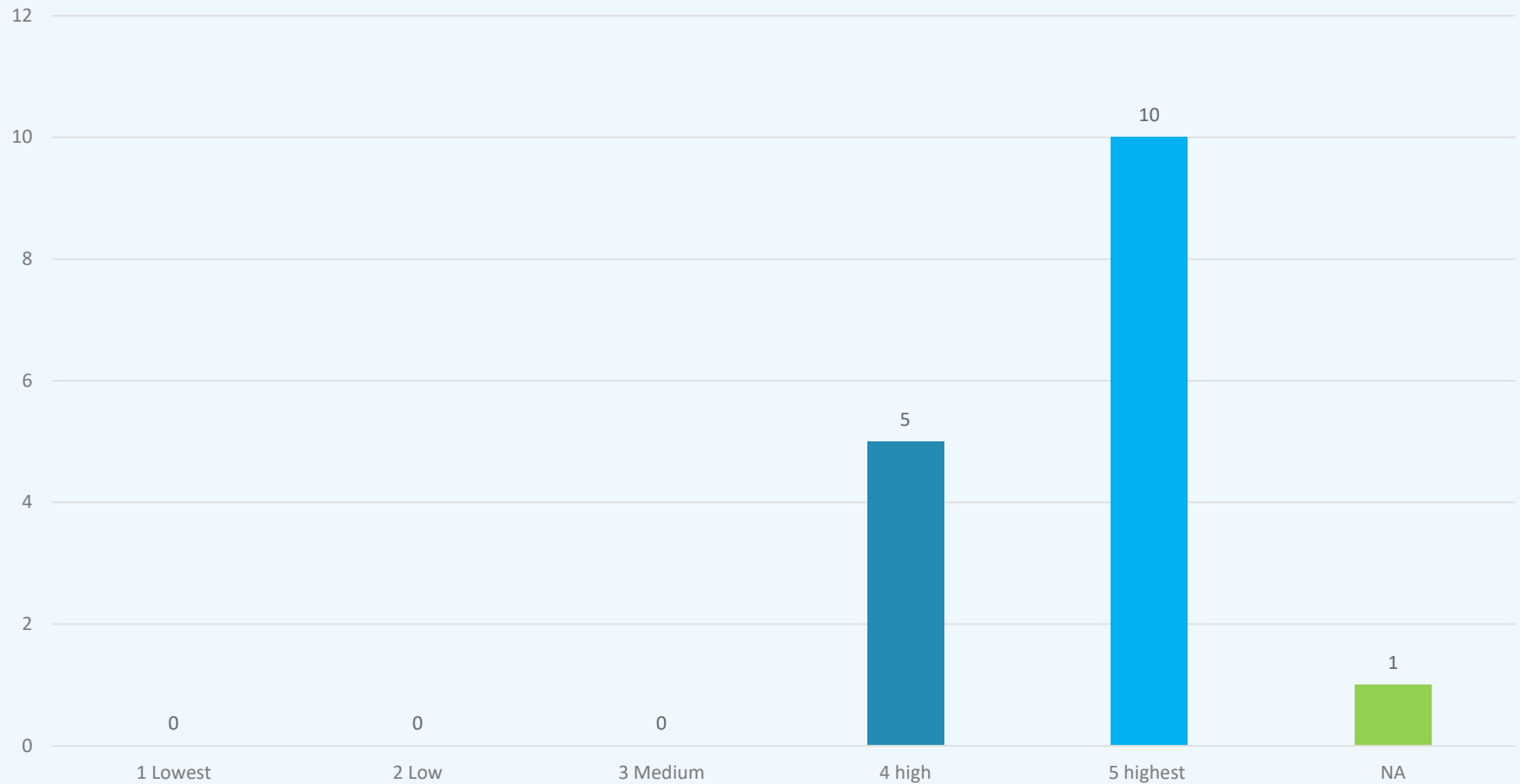
This training met my expectations.

Surpassed expectations.



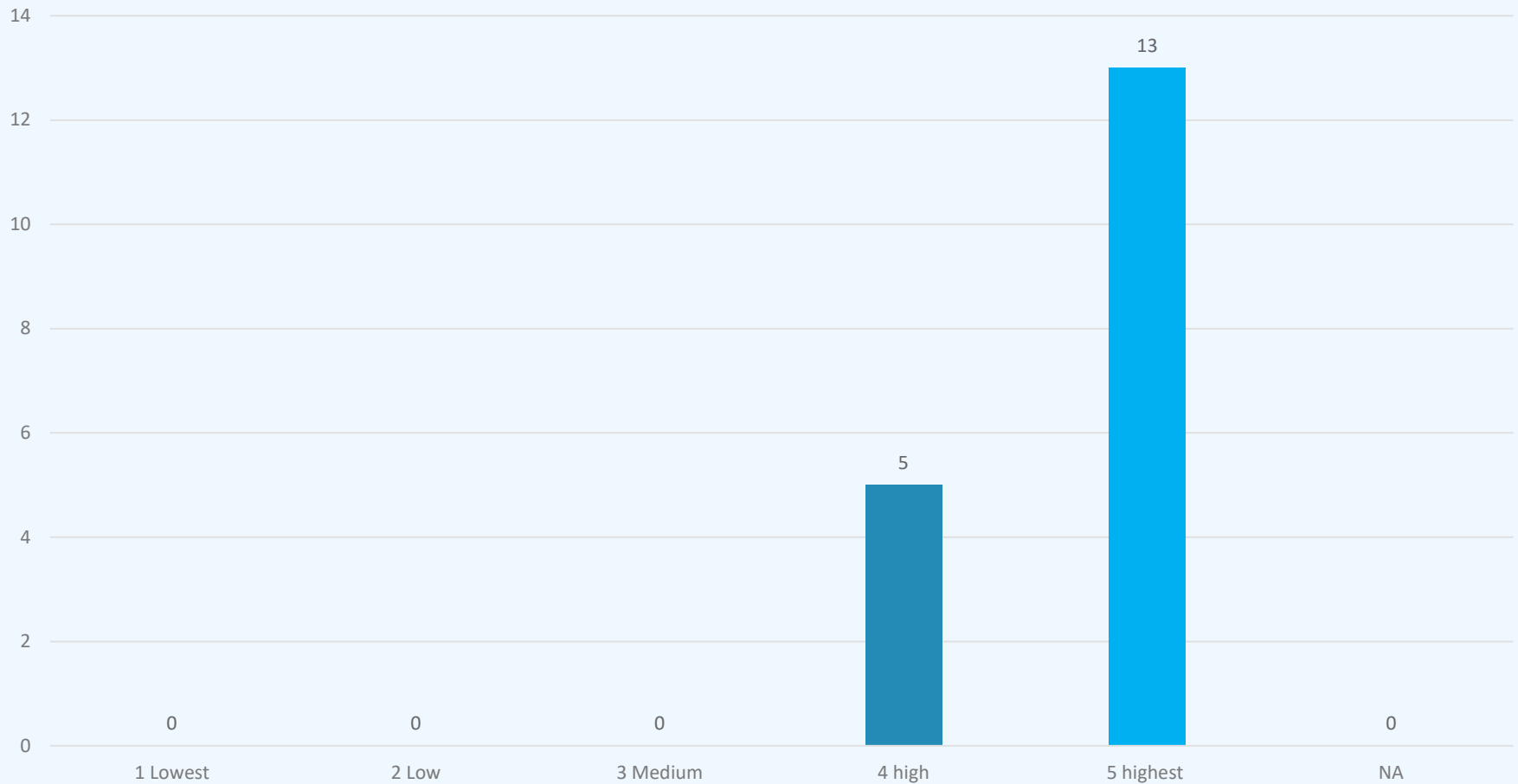
I learned what I needed to know about
the EPA Radionuclide Calculators.

More than I expected to
learn.



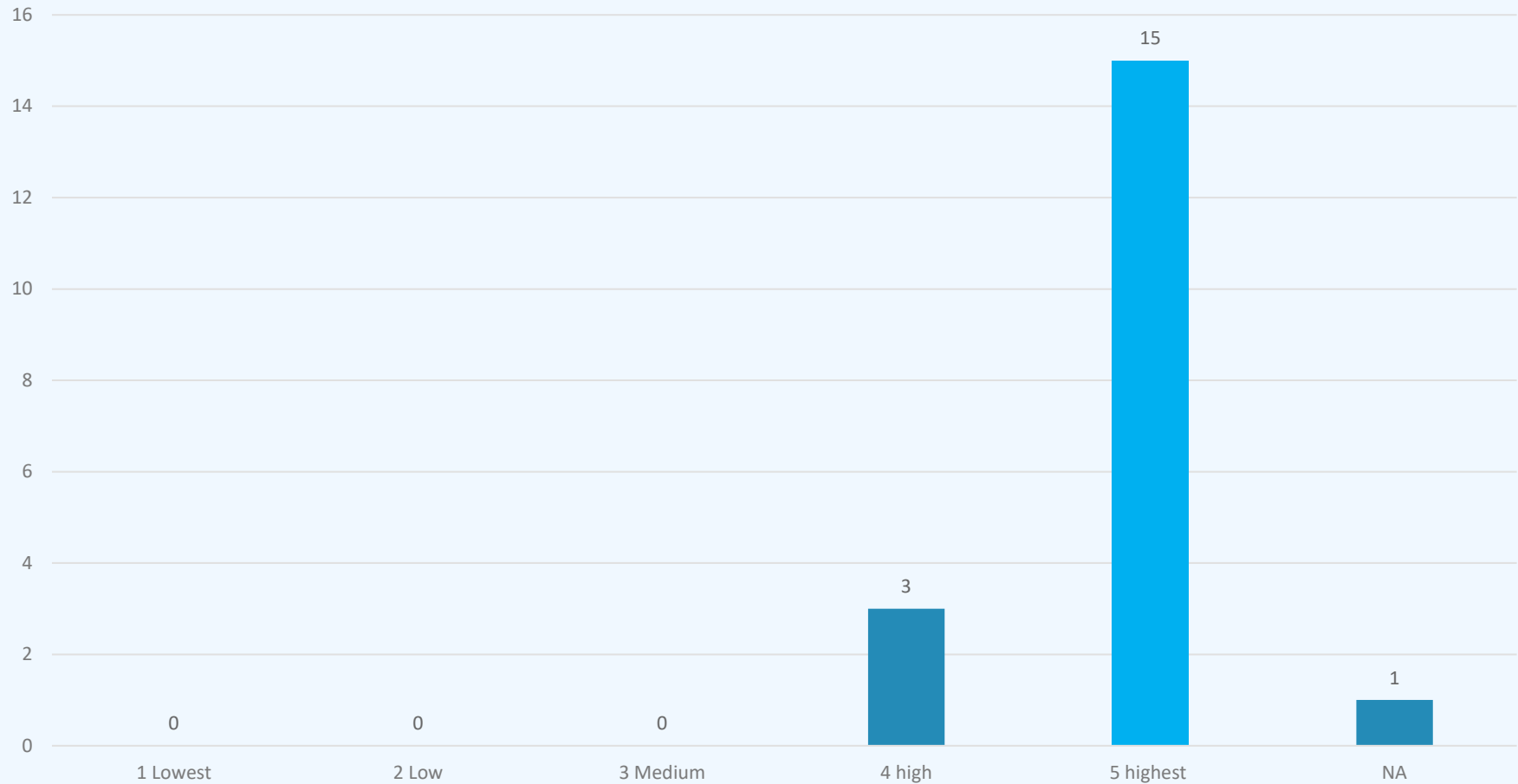
I learned what I needed to know about the EPA RSL, RML, and VISL Calculators.

Information provided was very detailed.



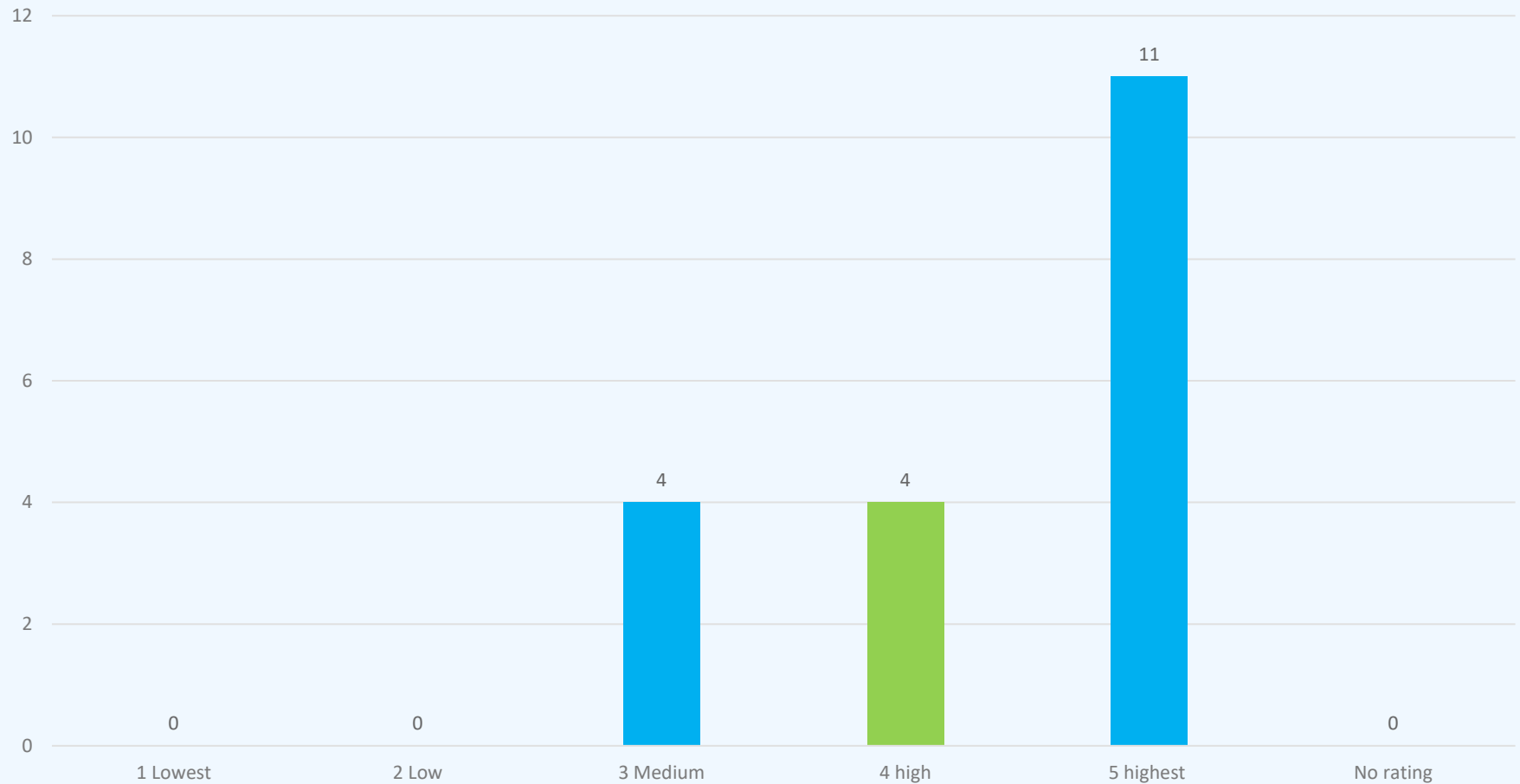
I learned what I needed to know about the RAIS Chemical & Radionuclide Calculators & databases.

Staff made sure that everyone could get through the various exercises.



Was the training pace appropriate?

Yes. Fast at times (though I understand that there was just a lot of content.



What was the worst (least useful) part of the training?

- Needed more discussion on the uses of risk assessment results.
- RML calculator discussion wasn't relevant to Superfund.
- Sometimes pace was too fast for me.
- All good. Thank you. Enjoyed it all.
- I don't think anything was useless, but maybe a few less exercises.
- To save time could have just pointed out where some things were and move on.
- It could be nice to do shorter blocks of time for presentations and exercises and to alternate between them more throughout the training.
- I did not find any part not to be useful!
- It'd probably take too much time, but understanding basis for each parameter could be helpful.
- The acronyms were a bit much on first day of the training. Perhaps people should get the list in advance of the training.
- Nothing! I really enjoyed this training. I feel like it gave me resources that I will use for my job.
- Learning about how the calculator is put together from various software.
- Practice sessions need to be linked to what calculator should be applied to demonstrate when to use a calculator and change parameters.
- Tours (although they were very interesting.)
- Question not applicable.
- Need more clear examples of how to use the different screening levels and such in the real world.
- Cold room.

What was the best (most useful) part of the training?

- Watching knowledgeable trainers navigate the calculators with commentary on the actions/selections.
- Learning about the RAIS tools.
- Going through the SHOWER model and the toxicity metadata.
- Practice sessions (4).
- Walking us through the calculators and various tools.
- Where to find references and details on the assumptions that went in the calculators.
- I enjoyed how thorough the explanation of calculator inputs was – it was very insightful.
- All was informative and helpful. Enjoyed the tours, I had no idea all of the various projects being conducted at ORNL.
- Guide to all the tools and resources, but also discussion of how EPA intended their use for risk assessment.
- Going through every link in the program forced me to review it all.
- Having Fred walk through how to use the calculators.
- The slides. Excellent resource for the future.
- Being able to ask questions, tours, and food.
- The hands-on tutorials combined with tours of the labs.
- Q&A.

Other Notes

- Training exceeded expectations.
- Exceeded expectations.
- Thank you so much: appreciate all the hard work you put into this.
- Would appreciate more complex practice sessions.
- Consider doing practice sessions in groups.
- I would absolutely recommend the training for anyone to be associated with risk assessment.
- Appreciate the instructor's care in ensuring questions were answered.
- Great review of information presented in the class and anticipated what students need to do for various sites.
- Information provided was very detailed.
- Thank you so much! Instructors went above and beyond to ensure everyone's capability with participation in the class and ability to conduct the exercises.
- A virtual option would be good.
- Would be nice to throw in group practice sessions during portions to check our understanding as we go through.