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

Course Evaluation Summary

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10 of 12 responses provided by Survey Monkey from 16 attendees

I would recommend participating in this training to my colleagues.



The instructors were very knowledgeable about their topics.



The hands-on exercises were useful.



This training met my expectations.



Responses for "Other": Well above my expectations; Exceeded expectations

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



Response for "Other": Overall, I learned a high amount of what I needed to know. I think, for me, it would be best if we could work on an exercise or two during the lecture topics, and then pick up on more exercises after the lecture is over. And, of course, I could have used more time. The tutoring during the exercise was spot on.

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



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



Response for "Other": Fred is extremely knowledgeable! I could have had more time with the exercises. I think listening to Fred about the calculators and then doing a problem (exercise) would be most helpful for me, instead of doing all the exercises at the end. I forgot how to do things by the time we began working the exercises.

Was the training pace appropriate?



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

- The hands-on exercises
- Rad calculators. This is what I was less familiar with coming into the training
- I've been using the calculators for some time and still found the training useful. Finding out that there is more information on the calculator websites than just the RSLs/PRG and risk calculations was especially useful as was the hands-on practice sessions
- The practice after each sessions are valuable in helping us to understand the materials
- Exposure to all of the various tools within the RAIS website (and Fred's jokes)
- The VISL and radionuclide training
- Fred's teaching style and humor
- Building a foundation for using all of the RAIS tools, especially VISL, PRG calculators, and how to navigate the site
- Breaking up the training with tours and providing exercises

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

- The tours while interesting by themselves, there was no real tie-back to chemical or radionuclide release or risk information
- Everything was useful
- Everything was great
- None
- Going over each and every equation for each potential example. Going over a few in the beginning is fine, but then maybe show the differences only from one equation to another
- Some examples became too repetitive
- RVISL training
- A noisy learning environment