

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Environmental Compliance Seminar

This two-day seminar will explain the typical construction and restoration requirements for natural gas pipeline construction projects. Instruction will provide a detailed overview of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Upland Erosion Control, Revegetation, and Maintenance Plan (Plan) and the FERC Wetland and Waterbody Construction and Mitigation Procedures (Procedures).

The course program will include interactive group activities involving various environmental compliance scenarios and applying the FERC Plan and Procedures to a series of wetland and waterbody crossing scenarios.

The audience should include environmental inspectors, environmental managers, construction managers and engineers, consultants, construction contractors, various government personnel, and other gas industry personnel. The program will be relevant to all experience levels.

Registered participants will receive a certificate of attendance at the end of the session and a course workbook with copies of the presentation materials and the FERC Plan and Procedures.

Training Course Agenda

- Opening Remarks
- Program Overview
- Preparing for Construction
- General Environmental Requirements
 - Approved Work Areas and Access Roads
 - Clearing and Grading
 - Trench Dewatering
 - Hydrostatic Testing
 - Spill Prevention and Response
 - Cultural Resources
 - Special-Status Species

- Blasting
- Residential and Agricultural Mitigation
 - Topsoil Segregation
 - Drain Tiles
 - Irrigation Systems
 - Soil Decompaction
 - Restoration
 - Agricultural Wetlands
- Erosion Control
- Wetland and Waterbody Crossings (General Requirements)
 - Background and Definitions
 - Preconstruction Planning
 - Access and Work Areas
 - General Crossing Procedures
 - Spill Prevention
 - Waterbody Spill Prevention
 - Temporary Erosion and Sediment Control
 - Restoration and Revegetation
- Waterbody Crossing Methods
- Right-of-Way Restoration and Post-Construction Activities
 - Cleanup
 - Rock Removal
 - Stump Disposal
 - Soil Compaction
 - Revegetation
 - Off-Road Vehicle Control
 - Postconstruction Monitoring and Reporting
 - Vegetation Maintenance
- Closing Remarks and Evaluations