

Free On-line Training for EPA's Water Contaminant Information Tool (WCIT) – A Valuable Resource for Planning for and Responding to Water System Emergencies

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Water Contaminant Information Tool (WCIT) is a secure on-line database with comprehensive information about chemical, biological, and radiochemical contaminants of concern for the water sector as it faces challenges from natural disasters, accidents, vandalism and intentional acts. WCIT compiles drinking water and wastewater-specific data in a single, easy-to-use tool. It contains full profiles on more than 100 contaminants, including biotoxins, chemical warfare agents, organic and inorganic chemicals, pathogens, radiochemicals and radioisotopes; profiles cover key topics such as medical information, early warning indicators and drinking water and wastewater treatment. WCIT also includes information on more than 200 analytical methods for more than 800 potential contaminants.

WCIT contaminant data are considered sensitive, so EPA restricts access to individuals in the water sector, laboratory and public health communities. Eligible users include:

- Drinking water and wastewater utilities
- State drinking water primacy agencies (and their regional and local agencies)
- State and local public health officials
- Federal agencies
- State laboratories
- Drinking water and wastewater associations partnering with EPA

Training Overview

This special hands-on training lasts about one hour. It provides an introduction to WCIT content and guidance on how to use the tool. By the end of the one-hour program, you will be able to identify contaminant and method data in WCIT, and use most of the tool's features – such as the search, contaminant comparison and risk assessment functions. Both Internet and telephone access are needed for this free training.

To Sign Up, or For More Information

To sign up for the training, contact David Boniche at WCIT@epa.gov.

Training will be held each month on the first Tuesday 11:00 am ET and the third Thursday at 2:00 pm ET.

For more information about WCIT, including applying for access, <http://www.epa.gov/wcit>



Figure: WCIT database homepage