

2026 SPCC Workshop

April 20-22, 2026 Swissôtel Chicago – Chicago, IL

Monday, April 20, 2026		
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM	Registration Open - Badge Pickup (Vevey Foyer)	
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	Welcome Reception – Open to all delegates & registered guests (Vevey 3 & 4)	

Tuesday, April 21, 2026		
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Registration Open / Breakfast (Vevey Foyer / Vevey 3 & 4)	
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM All Workshop Sessions are in Vevey 1 & 2	 Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) 101 – Mark W. Howard Applicability Administrative requirements General requirements Specific requirements Self-Certification 	
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Networking Break (Vevey 3 &4)	
10:30 AM – Noon	SPCC 101 - Continued - Mark W. Howard	
Noon – 1:00 PM	Lunch (Vevey 3 &4)	
1:00 PM – 2:15 PM	SPCC 101 - Deep Dive: What to Expect During an SPCC Inspection - Mark W. Howard	
2:15 PM – 2:45 PM	Open Q&A with SME	
2:45 PM – 3:15 PM	Networking Break (Vevey 3 &4)	
3:15 PM – 3:45 PM	Using Site Specific Data and Modeling Software to Determine SPCC Applicability – Mark Gerlach, Environmental Analyst, Xcel Energy Services Inc.	
3:45 PM – 4:15 PM	Effective Change Control and Inspection Procedures to Ensure Compliance – Anne Davis, Project Manager, PSEG	
4:15 PM – 5:00 PM	Optimizing SPCC Plans for Electric Utilities: A Multi-facility vs. Single Facility Comparison – Jared Omernik, Senior Project Manager, SCS Engineers and Tami Kennedy, Lead Environmental Specialist, Alliant Energy	
5:00 PM	Day 1 Concludes	
5:30 PM – 7:30 PM	SPCC Workshop Grand Reception – Open to all delegates & registered guests. Location: Geneva Sponsored by: Environmental, Inc	



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Wednesday, April 22, 2026		
7:00 AM – 8:00 AM	Breakfast (Vevey 3 &4)	
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	SPCC 101 - Additional Topics and Discussion - Mark W. Howard	
10:00 AM – 10:30 AM	Networking Break (Vevey 3 &4)	
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Leveraging Environmental Equivalence for SPCC Compliance at Unmanned Remote Utility Sites – Jeremy Yeglin, Senior Principal, Geosyntec Consultants	
11:00 AM – 11:45 AM	Panel: SPCC Compliance – Strategies and Lessons Learned Moderators: Mark Gerlach & Cassie Johnston, USWAG Tanks Sub-Committee Regulatory perspective: Mark W. Howard Member perspective: Anne Davis; PSEG; Dan Lemons, CoServ Electric Affiliate perspective: Jeremy Yeglin, Geosyntec	
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	Lunch (Vevey 3 &4)	
12:45 PM – 4:00 PM	Bonus Session: Facility Response Plan (FRP) Requirements for Oil and Hazardous Substances (Optional – Designed for utilities with facilities subject to FRP requirements)	
12:45 PM – 2:00 PM	 SME Presentation on Facility Response Plan (FRP) Requirements – J. Troy Swackhammer FRP Requirements for Oil Applicability Government-Initiated Unannounced Exercises 	
	FRP Requirements for CWA Hazardous Substances • Overview of new rule • Implementation developments	
2:00 – 2:30 PM	FRP: Core Components and Preparing for an Unannounced Exercise – William Lazarz, Director - Business Development, SET Environmental	
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	Networking Break (Vevey 3 &4)	
2:45 PM – 3:15 PM	The Good, The Bad, and the GIUE: Lessons from FRP Failures and OSRO Readiness – John West, Senior Environmental Engineer, Cox-Colvin & Associates, Inc.	
3:15 PM- 3:50 PM	Facility Response Plans for High-Demand Utility Infrastructure: Navigating Applicability, Risk, and Readiness – Tina Gurdikian, Senior Environmental Compliance Specialist and Lara Zawaideh, Cross-sector Section Manager, HDR Inc.	
3:50 PM – 4:00 PM	Wrap-up, final Q&A	
4:00 PM	Workshop Concludes	