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Public Health Decision Making in a Radiation Emergency

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) in conjunction with the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) and the New England Radiological Health Compact (NERHC) invite you to register for the **Public Health Decision Making in a Radiation Emergency course** sponsored by the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD), taking place **September 15–17, 2026** at DEEP Marine Headquarters in **Old Lyme, Connecticut**.

This advanced, scenario-driven course is designed for public health professionals who support decision-making during radiological or nuclear emergencies. It provides beyond-the-basics training, interdisciplinary coordination practice, and real-world application of critical response tools.

Key highlights include:

- Clarification of key public health responsibilities
- Identification of critical decision points
- Use of specialized radiation response tools
- Coordination strategies across agencies and disciplines

Please review the **attached course information and registration instructions**. We look forward to your participation.

Jeff Semancik

Director, Radiation Division



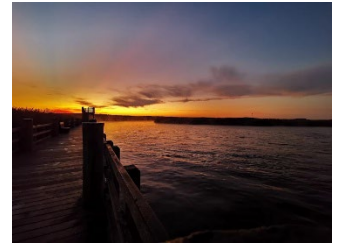
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About the location

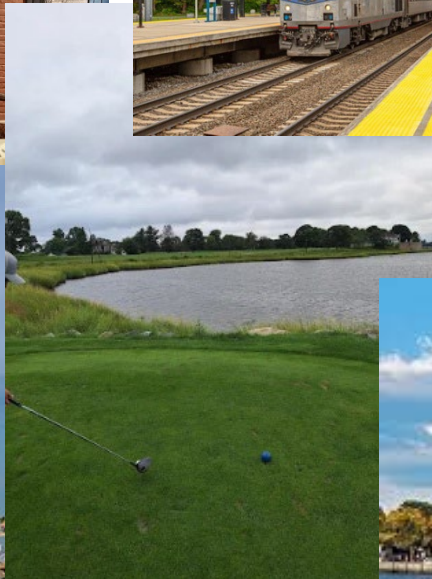
Set along the scenic banks where the Connecticut River meets Long Island Sound, the **Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Marine Headquarters at Ferry Landing State Park (333 Ferry Road, Old Lyme, CT)** offers a uniquely inspiring setting for this course.

coastal wetlands, river views, and maritime activity, the location provides a calm, focused atmosphere that's still rich with natural beauty—an ideal backdrop for learning, collaboration, and professional exchange.



Surrounded by

Beyond the classroom, the Old Lyme and Old Saybrook area delivers classic New England coastal charm. Participants can explore the renowned [Florence Griswold Museum](#), a centerpiece of American Impressionist art, or catch a performance at [the Katharine Hepburn Cultural Arts Center](#). Relax along the shoreline at Sound View Beach, browse the boutique shops and restaurants on [Main Street in Old Saybrook](#), or enjoy a round at the historic [Fenwick Golf Course](#)—one of the oldest (1896) public courses in the country. Just inland, the popular [Essex Steam Train & Riverboat](#) offers a uniquely nostalgic journey through the Connecticut River Valley, combining scenic rail travel with river excursions. Visitors can also venture 30 minutes to [Mystic](#) for [seaport museums](#) and waterfront dining. With easy access from I-95 and a convenient Amtrak station in Old Saybrook, this course combines professional value with a destination worth experiencing.





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DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION

PUBLIC HEALTH DECISION MAKING IN A RADIATION EMERGENCY

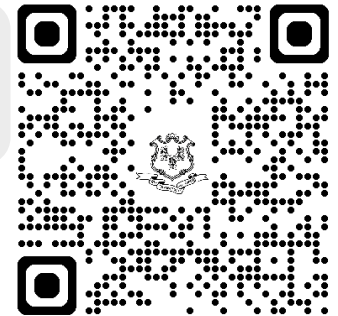
September 15 - 17, 2026

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

DEEP Marine Headquarters

[333 Ferry Rd](#)

[Old Lyme, CT 06371](#)



To register or view available dates Visit: <https://www.train.org/connecticut/course/1137411>, or Search [Train.org](#) for Course ID: 1137411, or scan QR Code

A large-scale radiation emergency will require significant participation from public health professionals to support a federal, as well as state, tribal, local, and territorial (STLT) response. The response will be complex necessitating extensive collaboration and coordination amongst multiple regional and state departments and agencies. It will demand critical thinking and the ability to make difficult decisions. This course was developed by CDC to address the need expressed by our state, local and territorial partners. It provides resources to help them synthesize information to appropriately handle discussions and decisions that will arise during an emergency. The course provides advanced training to apply these resources to manage a response effectively. This course offers beyond-the-basics training and development in response to radiation emergencies and serves as a model for a public health emergency response. It focuses on tasks and roles of public health in supporting Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) 8 and 6 of the U.S. National Response Framework. The course aims to clarify public health functional areas involved in providing that support. This course greatly enhances states and the nation's public health preparedness posture. The 3-day in-person course combines didactic training and exercises led by experienced public health leaders. It uses a large-scale radiation emergency scenario to provide realistic considerations. It covers key topics and activities in the three response phases: early, intermediate, and late.

Objectives

- Define Public Health Responsibilities: Clearly outline the jurisdictional roles and legal duties of public health agencies during a large-scale nuclear or radiological response.
- Identify Critical Decisions: Recognize the pivotal points where public health must make high-stakes determinations regarding population protection, sheltering, and evacuation.
- Mobilize Key Resources: Locate, analyze, and deploy specialized local, state, and federal tools (such as plume modeling, radiation tracking, or data-collection software).
- Coordinate Partner Agencies: Establish seamless communication and workflows between interagency partners, including emergency medical services (EMS), environmental health departments, and federal assets

Target Audience

Individuals who support public health decisions during radiation emergencies and have basic knowledge of radiation preparedness and response.

Core Capability

- [Community Resilience](#)
- [Operational Coordination](#)
- [Planning](#)
- [Public Information and Warning](#)

Mission Area

[Common](#)

Contact Hours

24.0

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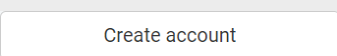


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Train Connecticut Registration Instructions

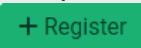
1. Create an Account

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 2. Select  .
 3. Follow the prompts to create an account.
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1. Click the prerequisite course link.
 2. Click  and select credit type.
 3. Click  to launch the course.
 4. Complete the course (skip if completed previously) and return to the Train page.
 5. Click  on the Train page.
 6. Click the "Your Learning" tab, followed by "Your Transcript".
 7. Click the  next to the course.
 8. Click "Upload external certificate" and upload your certificate to be verified.
 9. Send an email to DEMHS.TrainingandExercise@CT.gov to request verification.
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Common Prerequisites

- [IS-100: Introduction to ICS](#)
- [IS-200: Basic ICS for initial response](#)
- [IS-700: An introduction to NIMS](#)
- [IS-800: National Response Framework](#)
- [IS-2200: Basic Emergency Operations Center Functions](#)

4. Register for the Course

1. Search for the course using the information on page 1.
2. On the "Sessions" tab, click  next to your chosen session.

[How to Use the TRAIN search function](#)