Fundamentals of Environmental Auditing for Internal Auditors

About This Course

Course Description
Organizations are increasingly aware of the significant risks posed by environmental and occupational health and safety (EHS) issues and concerns. These risks may be associated with regulatory compliance, chemical releases, supply chain incidents, public reporting initiatives and the potential impacts associated with climate change. Even when an organization has robust governance processes in place, the internal audit function may be asked to assess whether the business risks associated with EHS issues are being effectively managed.

This course uses a mix of facilitator presentations, case studies and group exercises to improve participant’s knowledge of the types of EHS issues and concerns faced by both public and private organizations today. This course provides an opportunity for internal auditors to increase their understanding of the strategies they can use to provide assurance that the EHS control processes in place within their organizations are effective.

This course is ideal for audit executives, audit managers, and auditors who are facing the challenges associated with conducting audits to address EHS risks.

Course Objectives
- Identify the types of organizational risk that can be associated with environmental and occupational health and safety issues
- Identify the U.S. EHS laws and regulatory programs that are likely to be important in various business sectors, including governmental, banking, extraction industries and manufacturing
- Understand the approaches commonly used in auditing EHS risks and controls and how they differ from those used in financial audits
- Define the standards available for assessing EHS sustainability reports and the approaches in use for auditing the internal organizational processes used for communicating EHS information to the public or the government concerning environmental matters
Course Topics

- Assessing Compliance with EPA and OSHA Laws and Regulations – Key Requirements for an Effective EHS Compliance Audit Program

- EHS Risk Management – Assessing the Business Risks Associated with Obtaining Required Permits, Certifications and Licenses

- Addressing the Risks Associated with Environmental Releases, Supply Chain Incidents and Climate Change – Being Prepared for the Unexpected

- Assessing the Risks Associated with EHS Reporting Initiatives – Reducing the Risks Associated with the Representatives made in Financial Reports, Product Advertising, Sustainability Reports and Other Public Communications
Course Information

Course Duration: 2 Days

CPE Hours Available: 16

Knowledge Level: Basic

Field of Study: Auditing

Prerequisites: None

Advance Preparation: None

Delivery Format: On-site Training (Group-Live); Seminar (Group-Live)