

# CONTAMINANT Forensics



The Northwest Environmental Training Center presents:

## Contaminant Forensics of Petroleum, Chlorinated Hydrocarbons, and Metals - Geochemical Applications for Assessing Contaminant Transport, Risk, and Apportioning Liability

Course ID: CHEM-405

August 12-13, 2008, 8:30 A.M. to 5 P.M. (2 Days)

Lacey Community Center

Located in the Woodland Creek Community Park

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Lacey, Washington 98503

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**Instructors:** *Richard W. Hurst, Ph.D.*

**Description:** This course provides participants with an overview and introduction to forensic geochemical techniques that can resolve issues related to contaminant transport and associated risks. The course provides the fundamentals of forensic science, and addresses how forensic results have been used to identify parties responsible for a contaminant release, and apportion liability for cleanup/recovery costs. The course is intended for environmental, geotechnical, engineering, and regulatory professionals seeking an improved understanding of contaminated soil and groundwater.

### Course Topics

(times are approximate - class exercises and breaks are not shown)

#### Day 1: Tuesday, March 11, 2008, 8:30 A.M. - 5 P.M.

##### 8:30 - 9:30 A.M. - Introduction and Review of the Basics

- General Chemical Nomenclature
- Contaminants and Partitioning
- Isotope Chemistry
- Data Presentation

##### 9:30 - 11 A.M. - Forensic Geochemistry

- Definitions
- Benefits
- Overview of Techniques and Applications (direct, indirect, and surrogate tracers)

##### 11 A.M. - Noon - High Resolution Gas Chromatography

- Review of High Priority Organic Contaminants
- Standard EP-Type Chromatograms
- High Resolution GC (HRGC) Fingerprinting

##### Noon - 1 P.M. - Lunch

##### 1:30 P.M. - 4 P.M. Environmental Isotopes

- Mass Spectrometry (IRMS v. CSIRMS)
- Stable Isotopes: C, H, O, N, S, Cl
- Stable Radiogenic Isotopes: Sr and Pb
- Cosmogenic Isotopes

#### Day 2: Wednesday, March 12, 2008, 8:30 A.M. - 5 P.M.

##### 8:30 - 11 A.M. - Hydrocarbon Contamination Continued

- Estimating the Age of Releases (Additives, Compositional Changes, Degradation, ALAS Model)
- Chlorinated Hydrocarbons (PCE, TCE, DCE, and VC)

##### 11 A.M. - Noon - Groundwater Contamination

- Saline Water Intrusion
- Nitrates

##### Noon - 1 P.M. - Lunch

##### 1 P.M. - 3 P.M. - Groundwater Contamination (cont.)

- Sewage
- Perchlorates

##### 3 - 4:30 P.M. - Heavy Metals and Metalloids in the Environment

- Overview of Heavy Metals
- Lead
- Arsenic
- Chromium and Others

##### 4:30 - 5 P.M. Wrap Up and FAQs

- Instructor-Student Open Discourse

**4 - 5 P.M. - Hydrocarbon Contamination Forensics**

- Correlating Releases to their Source
- HRGC and Isotopic Approaches

**5 P.M. Closing**

Class will begin each day at 8:30 A.M. and end at 5 P.M. Attendees will be given the opportunity to apply course concepts during numerous hands-on exercises.

**About the Instructor:**

Richard W. Hurst received his Doctorate in Geology and Geochemistry from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1975. He joined the faculty of the Department of Geological Sciences, California State University, Los Angeles in 1978. His research efforts concentrated on the practical application of naturally occurring stable isotopes as tracers for contaminants in the environment. By 1980, he began consulting in forensic geochemistry, providing services to a diverse clientele in the private sector. His expertise in forensic isotope geochemistry, environmental forensics, and mineralogy is well known and respected in the academic, geotechnical, and legal communities. He is recognized for the development of the ALAS Model, a geochemical technique for estimating the age of gasoline releases, and for his exceptional ability to distill complex geological/geochemical data into a language that can be understood by non-technical professionals and students. He has developed university courses in forensic/environmental geochemistry and is currently writing a volume entitled Forensic Isotope Geochemistry for Elsevier Publishers.

**After completing this course, participants will be able to:**

- Identify methods available to resolve complex cases, such as those involving long term and/or multiple releases of contaminants
- Utilize soil and groundwater geochemical analyses to assess sources of contamination
- Understand the uncertainties associated with various forensic techniques
- Assess methods of site remediation, such as bioremediation versus pump and treat
- Incorporate forensic geochemical techniques with those of contaminant hydrogeology to better understand associated risk factors and apportion liability among responsible parties

**Prerequisites:** Completion of some college-level chemistry/geochemistry or completion of NWETC's Contaminant Chemistry and Transport (CHEM-403B) workshop.

**Education Level:** Intermediate

**Course Materials:** Each participant will receive a copy of the course proceedings including notes and reference material.

**What to Bring:** Calculator, coffee mug, and water bottle to reduce waste. Please wear comfortable clothes and shoes for class and walking to lunch. Snacks and beverages will be provided each day.

**Continuing Education Units:** 1.3

**Registration: \$495** ( **\*\$395** reduced tuition is available for Native American tribes; government employees; nonprofits; students; and NAEP, NEBC, NWAEP members). You may register via the link below or by calling the Northwest Environmental Training Center at 206-762-1976.

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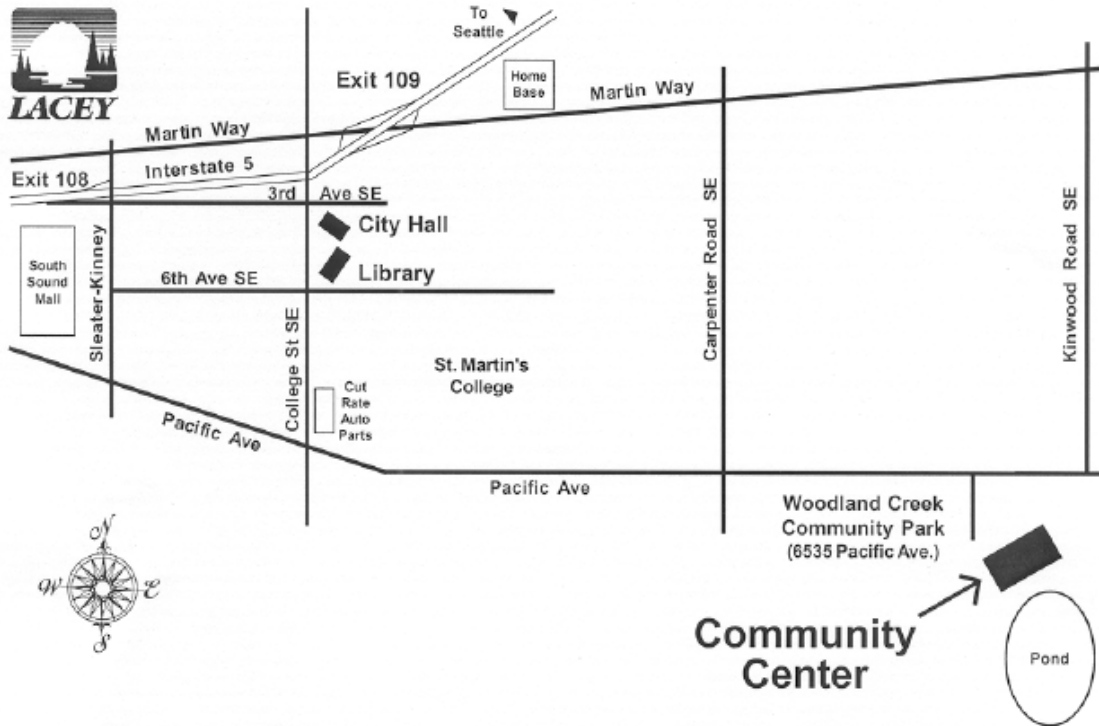
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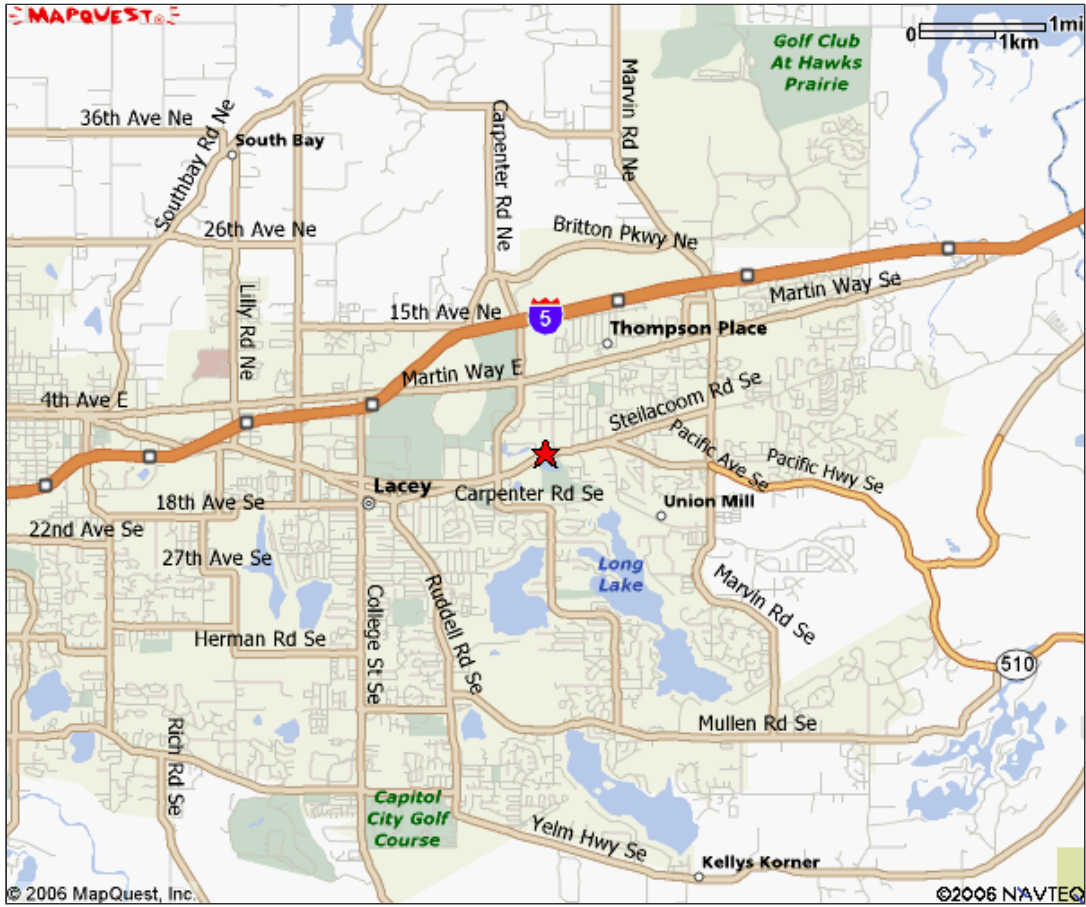
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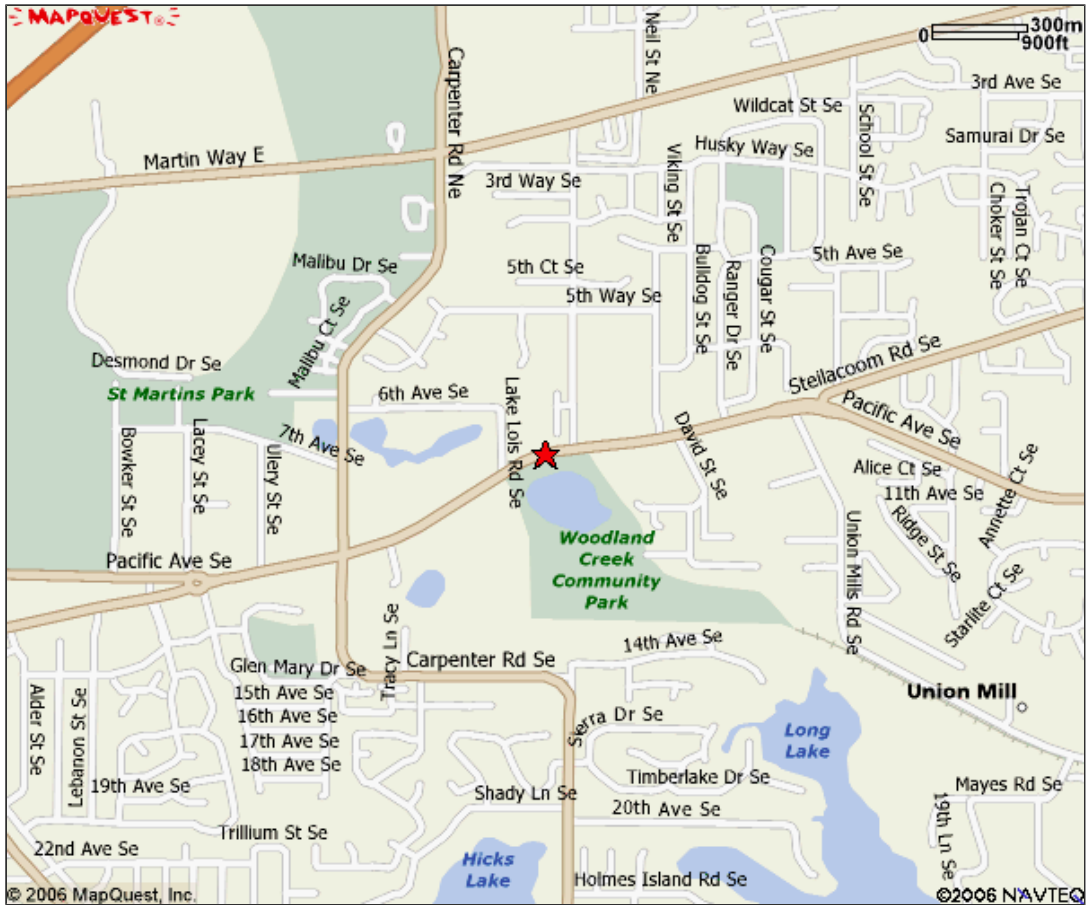
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