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Introduction:

This oil spills, pollution, prevention, response, and recovery course discusses the complex nature of petroleum hydrocarbon exploration and production and the unintended environmental impact and consequences of pollution when oil spills occur from refineries, offshore platforms, and road and marine transport tankers.

By examining global case studies and best practices, participants will gain an in-depth understanding of oil spills, their causes, and the most current and effective prevention, response, and recovery methods, including cleaning oil spills, to mitigate potential environmental impacts.

Participants who complete the oil spills, pollution, prevention, response, and recovery course will receive an oil spill prevention certificate, which signifies their ability to handle and respond effectively to hazardous oil spill situations.

Understanding Oil Spills:

Oil spills are a form of pollution with significant environmental impacts and any unauthorized release of crude or refined petroleum products into the environment. This oil spills, pollution, prevention, response, and recovery training will delineate what they are and elucidate their dangers to ecosystems.

An overview of the various oil spill pollution acts and legislation will be provided to ensure that participants know the legal framework governing oil spill pollution effects and responsibilities.

Targeted Groups:

- Individuals are responsible for assessing and controlling an organization's potential process and operational risks.
- Production, process, maintenance, health, safety and environment personnel.
- All personnel are involved in planning and/or implementing an organization's environmental management program.

Course Objectives:

At the end of this oil spills, pollution, prevention, response, and recovery course, the participants will be able to:

- Learn about various types of oil spills and their environmental impacts.
- Discover relevant environmental treatment options for addressing pollution.
- Prioritize potential oil spills in establishing preventive control measures.
- Understand the relationship between health, wildlife, and the environment affected by oil pollution.
- Discuss current methods for cleanup and recovery from oil spills and pollution, including oil spill cleanup training and oil spill response training.
- Learn how to establish an effective emergency response plan for oil spill incidents, which is crucial for immediate response and recovery.

Targeted Competencies:

At the end of this oil spills, pollution, prevention, response, and recovery training, the target competencies will:

- Overview of Oil Spills and Pollution.
- Environmental Impacts of Oil Pollution.
- Oil Spill and Pollution Prevention.
- Oil Spill, Pollution, Response, and Recovery.
- Management and Prevention Review.

Course Content:

Unit 1: Overview of Oil Spills and Pollution:

- Overview of global oil spill incidents.
- Types of oil and their different properties.
- Historical concerns over oil pollution.
- Sources and patterns of oil spills.
- Spillage from exploration and production facilities.

Unit 2: Environmental Impacts of Oil Pollution:

- Effects of oil pollution on the environment.
- Oil seepage vs. Oil Spills.
- Routes of oil pollution exposure.
- Impact differences in freshwater and saltwater environments.
- Ecological effects of oil spills and pollution.

Unit 3: Oil Spill Prevention: How to Prevent Oil Spills:

- Risk identification and analysis of potential oil spill and pollution scenarios.
- Strategies for establishing effective oil spill and pollution preventative risk controls.
- Hazards of Oil transportation - road and sea.
- Refinery and Offshore platform oil spills and their impacts.
- Modern tanker design single and double hulls to prevent oil spills.
- Case Study - Part 3: Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill and the oil spill prevention techniques applied.

Unit 4: Oil Spill & Pollution Response and Recovery:

- Overview of oil spill response options, including what is involved in oil spill response.
- Establish and activate oil spill contingency plans, highlighting training for oil spill response.
- Emergency and medical response procedures during oil spills.
- Understand Oil spill pollution and treatment options for containment and dispersion.
- Conducting oil spill and pollution response emergency exercises and drills.

Unit 5: Management and Prevention Review:

- Oil Spill and Pollution workshop.
- Review of case studies and their cause of oil spill incidents.
- Review of conducting an oil spill and pollution risk assessment.
- Discuss preventative, response, and recovery of oil spill incidents.
- Review of developing emergency procedures for oil spills and pollution incidents.
- Explore oil spill and pollution recovery treatment options.