

My overall opinion of the course is that it could be a worthwhile training program, depending on the participants technical background. The course covered an extensive amount of material in a short time and thus would be dubbed a "crash course" in groundwater pollution. The value of such courses is debateable. However, the lecturers are quite knowledgeable of the subject matter and present the material in as clear and concise a fashion as possible. For someone who had little or no background in groundwater hydrology this course would provide a comprehensive overview of the fundamental principles. Beyond this, however, the courses applicability to the high-level waste (HLW) program is limited, due to it being focused entirely on chemical waste disposal/pollution in the northeast region of the United States. Of course, some correlation is possible but the overwhelming degree to which all aspects of the course were focused on chemical waste disposal precludes much applicability to HLW disposal.

In short, the course, taught by three experts, presented a voluminous amount of material on groundwater pollution resulting from hazardous waste landfills. Although brief, the modeling sessions clarified many of the questions I had concerning groundwater modeling. Unfortunately, I found the relevance of major portions of the course to HLW concerns questionable.

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1. List of Participants
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