



CQA TRAINING WEEK

December 11–13, 2019

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**CONSTRUCTION QA/QC FOR
GEOSYNTHETIC INSTALLATIONS**
December 11, 2019

**CONSTRUCTION QA/QC FOR COMPACTED
CLAY LINER & GCL INSTALLATION**
December 12, 2019

**GEOSYNTHETIC CERTIFICATION INSTITUTE –
INSPECTORS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
(GCI-ICP) EXAM**
December 13, 2019



Accredited Geosynthetic Laboratories
Accreditation Designation # GAI-LAP-001

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LOCATION

TRI/Environmental, Inc. | Bldg. A Facility | 9063 Bee Caves Rd. | Austin, TX 78733, USA

TRI-Environmental.com

Professionals who benefit from this course:

- Specifying/Certifying Engineers
- Construction/Quality Assurance
- Project Managers
- Installers/Contractors
- Third-Party Inspectors
- Regulators



FIELD CQC / CQA TRAINING, DECEMBER 11–12, 2019

These two 1-day courses may be taken singly or as a package. They are designed specifically for those who need a detailed understanding of proper CQC and CQA procedures at waste containment facilities.

The courses provide ideal preparation for the Geosynthetic Certification Institute's Inspectors Certification Program (GCI-ICP) exam.

Gain comprehensive understanding of:

- Preparing CQC/CQA plans
- Reviewing CQC/CQA plans
- Performing CQC/CQA observations and tests
- Reviewing field CQC/CQA procedures

Each course presents material that complements the other. Day 1 focuses on installation of geomembranes, geotextiles, geocomposites, geogrids, and geo-appurtenances. It includes demonstrations of geomembrane seaming and seam peel and shear testing. Day 2 focuses on the installation of compacted clay and geosynthetic clay liners (GCLs). Special emphasis will be given to establishing rationale and standard operating procedures for field inspections, documentation of test and visual observations, and implementation of CQA plans. A broad appreciation for the manufacture and installation of containment facility materials will be provided. Additionally, a tour of TRI's Geosynthetic Testing and Research Laboratories will support class curriculum through test demonstrations, details on some TRI internal R&D projects, and discussion of other relevant topics.



GCI-ICP CERTIFICATION EXAM, DECEMBER 13, 2019

CQA course students will be allowed to sit for the Geosynthetic Certification Institute-Inspectors Certification Program (GCI-ICP) exams immediately following the CQA courses. All exam-interested students **MUST REGISTER** with the Geosynthetic Institute (GSI) and pay GSI's certification fee before the test. TRI does **NOT** collect this fee. Contact GSI (+1 610 522 8440) for more information.

EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Thorough training in CQA of geosynthetic installations serves to expand opportunities for engineering consulting and design practice. TRI's Short Course Training Week participants will be provided a certificate of course completion, suitable for use in proposals and statements of qualifications for CQC/CQA work. This unique program provides professional growth and business development opportunities.

WHERE TO STAY

- Holiday Inn Express Hotel & Suites, Austin-Sunset Valley, 4892 US Highway 290 West, Austin, TX 78733, 1 800 315 2621, 10 miles from airport, 9.9 miles from short course, NO shuttle service
- Extended StayAmerica Austin – Southwest, 5100 US Hwy. 290 W., Austin, TX 78735, Telephone: 512- 892-4272, 15.7 miles from airport, 9.54 miles from short course, NO shuttle service
- Sonesta Bee Cave Austin – 12525 Bee Cave Parkway, Bee Cave, TX 78738, Telephone: 512-483-5900, Call for a Reduced Rate - code: TXRES, 20 miles from airport, 5.2 miles from short course, NO shuttle service

ABOUT TRI

TRI/Environmental, Inc. (TRI) has been active in geosynthetics testing, inspection and research and development for 30 years. TRI is an independent, third-party laboratory unaffiliated with any manufacturing, engineering/consulting, or construction management firm.

REGISTRATION

Download registration forms for the courses and exams at: [TRI-Environmental.com](https://minervatri.wufoo.com/forms/quool11jrgpa/)

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Sam Allen



Jeffrey Kuhn



Mark Sieracke

Sam Allen

Vice President and Division Manager

Sam Allen is the Vice President of Texas Research International's (TRI) Geosynthetics Services Division. He has served as Chairman of ASTM Committee D35 on Geosynthetics and currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Geosynthetic Institute (GSI).

Dr. Jeffrey Kuhn, P.E.

Director of TRI Geotechnical Laboratory

Dr. Jeffrey A. Kuhn, P.E., is the Geotechnical Laboratory Director for TRI/Environmental, Inc. His doctoral work principally focused on alternative/evapotranspirative cover design and evaluation for the EPA, and he performed research with expansive clays for the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Prior to joining TRI, he served as a consulting engineer, where he worked on the design and installation of the Circuit of the Americas Formula One Race Track over expansive clays with tight differential movement criteria. Since 2012, he's led the expansion of TRI's geotechnical laboratory capabilities and reach within the geotechnical community.

Mark Sieracke, P.E.

Landfill Design and CQA Consultant

Mark D. Sieracke, P.E., is an industry-recognized expert in the fields of landfill design and CQA. Mark serves as a Principal and Solid Waste Practice Area Manager for Weaver Consultants Group. Mark has served as a Technical Reviewer of the US EPA Technical Guidance Document: Quality Assurance and Quality Control for Waste Containment Facilities (EPA/600/R-93/182, Sept. 1993). He has served as a hands-on CQA practitioner, certifying engineer, and consultant for 1000+ acres of geosynthetic installations. He contributes routinely to landfill failure investigations and constructability reviews for design engineers. Mark serves on the Waste Management Inc. (WMI) Geosynthetic Task Force, creating the corporate standards for CQA.

CQA FOR GEOSYNTHETIC INSTALLATIONS SHORT COURSE OUTLINE DECEMBER 11, 2019

With Sam Allen and Mark Sieracke, P.E.

December 11, 2019		
7:30 – 8:00 AM	Registration	
8:00 – 8:15 AM	Welcome and Introductions	Allen
8:15 – 8:30 AM	CQA Principles and Philosophy – <i>Responsibilities, appreciation of role, professional considerations and on-site protocol, conflict resolution, etc.</i>	Sieracke
8:30 – 9:30 AM	Background of Geosynthetics and Manufacturing – <i>Polymers to products, material properties, product manufacturing</i>	Allen
9:30 – 10:30 AM	HDPE & LLDPE & fPP Geomembranes & Seams – <i>Types and specifications, shipping/receiving, unloading, storage & installation</i>	Sieracke
10:30 – 10:45 AM	Break	
10:45 – 11:15 AM	HDPE & LLDPE & fPP Geomembranes & Seams – Continued	Sieracke
11:15 AM – 12:15 PM	Welding Demonstration/Seam Testing – <i>Double track fusion welds, extrusion welds, “T” welds, seam sampling, peel and shear testing, peel incursion and strain measurements, modes of failure, break codes, field vs. laboratory testing</i>	Sieracke & Installer
12:15 – 1:00 PM	Lunch (provided)	
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Special Guest Lecture	
2:00 – 2:30 PM	PVC Geomembranes & Seams – <i>Types and specifications, shipping/receiving, unloading, storage & installation</i>	Allen
2:30 – 3:30 PM	Geotextiles, Geonets/Geocomposites, Geogrids, Pipe, Erosion Control – <i>Types and specifications, shipping/receiving, unloading, storage & installation</i>	Allen
3:30 – 3:45 PM	Break	
3:45 – 4:30 PM	Protection and Soil Cover	Sieracke
4:30 – 4:45 PM	CQA Paperwork and Record Keeping – <i>Importance of documentation, communication records, examples of record keeping and documentation, checklists</i>	Sieracke
4:45 – 5:00 PM	Discussion	
5:00 – 6:00 PM	Tour of TRI Geosynthetic Testing and Research Laboratories – <i>Test demonstrations, explanation of some TRI internal R&D projects, etc.</i>	
6:00 – 8:00 PM	Texas BBQ Dinner (provided)	

CQA FOR COMPACTED CLAY & GEOSYNTHETIC CLAY LINER (GCL) INSTALLATIONS SHORT COURSE OUTLINE
DECEMBER 12, 2019 *With Dr. Jeffrey Kuhn, P.E.*

December 12, 2019	
8:00 – 8:30 AM	Registration
8:30 – 9:00 AM	Liner and Cover Systems – <i>Single liners/double liners/composite liners, leakage rates through soil, composite action with geomembranes, importance of drainage layer properties</i>
9:00 – 10:30 AM	Compacted Clay – <i>Materials, factors affecting hydraulic conductivity, clod vs. particle orientation theory, keys to low hydraulic conductivity, water content-density criteria, recommended procedures for determining acceptable zone, influence of overburden stress, bonding of lifts, thickness</i>
10:30 – 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Construction of Compacted Clay Liners and Covers – <i>Equipment, preprocessing of soil, soil moisture control, sieving, clod control, crushing/pulverizing materials, compaction, test pads</i>
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch (<i>provided</i>)
1:00 – 2:00 PM	CQA for Compacted Clay Liners and Covers – <i>CQA principles, CQA plan, tests, observations, field water content tests, field density tests, hydraulic conductivity compliance tests, frequency of tests, sampling pattern, outliers, corrective action, role of test pads, final certification</i>
2:00 – 3:00 PM	History of GCLs – <i>Commercially-produced GCLs, geosynthetic materials, manufacturing of GCLs, manufacturing quality control, recommended specifications</i>
3:00 – 3:15 PM	Break
3:15 – 4:00 PM	Bentonite – <i>Measures of and tests for bentonite quality, recommended specifications for bentonite in GCLs, contaminant-resistant bentonite</i>
4:00 – 5:00 PM	Installation of GCLs – <i>Transportation, handling, storage, subgrade preparation, placement procedures, seaming protection, construction quality control and assurance, observations, types of tests, frequency of testing, field case history</i>
5:00 – 5:30 PM	Open discussion

CERTIFICATION EXAM: GEOSYNTHETIC CERTIFICATION INSTITUTE – INSPECTORS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM (GCI-ICP) DECEMBER 13, 2019

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7:45 – 8:00 AM	Registration and Introduction
8:00 – 10:00 AM	Geosynthetic Exam
10:00 – 10:25 AM	Break
10:30 – 11:30 AM	Compacted Clay Liner (CCL) Exam

Information regarding exams

- ALL students wishing to sit for the exam(s) MUST FIRST register for certification through the Geosynthetic Institute (GSI) and pay the applicable fees directly to GSI (phone: +1-610-522-8440). GSI registration must be received by the GSI 7-10 days before the exam(s).
- Students are REQUIRED to bring a government-issued photo ID prior to entering the testing room. They must also supply the Proctor with a photocopy of the ID when turning in the test.

Time allowance and structure

- Students will be given two hours to take the geosynthetic test. There are 140 questions. One must answer 70% of the questions correctly in order to pass. Only one correct answer is possible for each question.
- Students will be given one hour to take the compacted clay liner test, which involves 30 questions. At least 70% of the questions must be answered correctly in order to pass. There is only one correct answer for each question.
- The test is a multiple-choice test. Students must circle the correct answer (and only one answer) for each question. They must not select multiple answers for the same question.





**SHORT COURSE TUITION / GCI EXAM COST (SEE REGISTRATION FORM)
FOR REGISTRATIONS BEFORE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2019**

CQC/CQA Short Courses and CQA Exam | December 11 – 12, 2019

Both courses, 1 registrant per company	\$850.00/person
Both courses, 2 registrants per company	\$800.00/person
Both courses, 3+ registrants per company	\$750.00/person
Both courses, government	\$300.00/person
One course (day) only, 1 registrant per company	\$600.00/person
One course (day) only, 2 registrants per company	\$550.00/person
One course (day) only, 3 + registrants per company	\$450.00/person
One course (day) only, government	\$225.00/person

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TRI fee for one applicant only per company	\$.75.00/person*
TRI fee for 2+ applicants per company	\$.50.00/person*

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METHOD OF PAYMENT

Payment may also be made by check, money order, American Express, Visa or MasterCard.

Total Amount Paid (USD \$) _____

- Check Money Order Make check or money order payable to TRI/Environmental, Inc.

Credit Card: American Express Visa MasterCard Credit Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Please direct questions to Mr. Sam Allen, phone: (800) 880-8378, fax: (512) 263 2558.

BILLING / 1ST REGISTRANT INFORMATION Billing Info is SAME as 1st Registrant Info Billing Info is DIFFERENT than Registrant Info

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Position _____ Company _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

If Billing is SAME as 1st Registrant Info, be sure to check boxes below if appropriate.

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I have registered with GCI & paid the GCI certification fee, and I will take the Compacted Clay Liner CQA Exam December 13, 2019

Return ALL Registrations and Payment via Mail or Fax to: TRI, ATTN: Richard Graham, 9063 Bee Caves Road, Austin, Texas 78733
(rgraham@tri-intl.com; Fax: 512-263-2558)

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