TRAINING OBJECTIVE:

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Oregon Backflow Training

CROSS CONNECTION CONTROL SPECIALIST COURSE

Oregon Health Authority – Environmental Public Health Drinking Water Program Approved

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Course Content

Monday:

Review of backflow incidents in the Pacific Northwest; definition of terms and review of types of cross connections; Oregon Department of Human Services rules; Oregon Specialty Plumbing Code requirements: backflow hydraulics; backflow device installation, testing and applications.

Tuesday:

Setting up and operating a cross connection control program; inspection techniques; hands-on exercises on facility inspection.

Wednesday:

Coordination of cross connection control with other agencies; balancing in-plant versus premise isolation; slide presentation of the "The good, the bad, and the ugly" of cross connection control; walk through inspection; public relations for the cross connection specialist; working with backflow device testers.

<u>Thursday</u>:

Writing a cross connection ordinance; review of fire protection requirements; using the hazmat communication requirements in a cross connection program; construction plan review; water using equipment; review of exam; certification exam.

Certification

Those who pass the written exam given at the end of the course may apply to the Oregon Health Authority – Environmental Public Health Drinking Water Program for certification as a Cross Connection Control Specialist. OHA requires proof of high school diploma or GED certificate in order to complete the certification process.

4-Day Cross Connection Specialist Course Schedule

Monday	
8:00 - 10:00	Lecture
10:00 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 12:00	Lecture
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
1:00 - 2:45	Lecture
2:45-3:00	Break
3:00 - 5:00	Lecture
Tuesday	
8:00 - 10:00	Lecture
10:00 - 10:15	Break
10:15 - 12:00	Lecture
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1:00 - 2:45	Lecture
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<u>Thursday</u>

Lecture
Break
Lecture
Lunch
Review of course content
Break
Written Exam