



Basic Inspector Academy

*Ensuring Consistent, Effective and Coordinated
Environmental Compliance and Enforcement*

Winter/Spring 2022



What is Basic Inspector Academy and who can take it?

The CalEPA Basic Inspector Academy (BIA) is a free, three-day virtual training that's open to state and local government-employed inspectors and, tribal environmental enforcement staff. BIA gives environmental inspectors throughout the state the core skills necessary to conduct thorough inspections and when necessary, take consistent, effective and coordinated enforcement actions.

This training is led by the CalEPA Enforcement Officer, instructors from CalEPA's boards, departments, and offices (BDO), and an environmental attorney.

BIA helps to ensure all environmental agencies take consistent, effective, and coordinated compliance and enforcement actions.



What will I learn at BIA?

BIA provides students with instruction on key concepts that form the foundation for effective environmental enforcement.

After completing BIA you will be able to:

- Explain the purposes for regulatory inspections and describe the general inspection process
- Discuss legal considerations for facility entry, obtaining consent, and gathering evidence during an inspection
- Recognize the importance of verbal and non-verbal communication cues and how to apply effective interviewing techniques
- Analyze a regulatory requirement for enforceability and identify the specific elements of a violation
- Explain legal and practical considerations for sample collection and chain of custody
- Discuss enforcement options available to regulatory agencies

What makes BIA different from other training classes?

At BIA, students gain experience as well as knowledge. They get to apply what is learned in class as they complete a mock-inspection and courtroom-testimony exercises. These exercises include review and feedback from an experienced environmental attorney – an aspect of the course that students find especially useful.

What is the prerequisite to BIA?

BIA students must first complete the free online **Fundamental Inspector Course (FIC)**. The FIC provides a comprehensive overview of environmental statutes and programs in California. While the target audience of the course is new environmental enforcement professionals, members of the public and regulated facility owners, operators, and employees may also find the online FIC course to be helpful.

For more information on BIA and/or the online prerequisite, FIC, visit calepa.ca.gov/enforcement/enforcement-training-resources or contact Hasti Javid, CalEPA Enforcement Officer, at Hasti.Javid@calepa.ca.gov.

Advance registration is required. To register, visit arb.ca.gov/training to login or create a new account. Please note that virtual walk-ins and partial attendance are not allowed.



BIA Schedule

2022 Virtual BIA Course Dates

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| January 4-6 | Virtual/Zoom |
| February 15-17 | Virtual/Zoom |
| March 15-17 | Virtual/Zoom |
| April 19-21 | Virtual/Zoom |