



DTSC scientist shines as trainer

[DTSC](#) Hazardous Substances Scientist Diana Peebler is in heavy demand as a classroom trainer.

Her expertise with waste classification and her experience with the Office of Criminal Investigations and search warrants combine to make her a valuable asset in the Advanced Environmental Crimes Training Program delivered by U.S. EPA's Criminal Investigation Division at the [Federal Law Enforcement Training Center](#) in Glynco, GA.

The training program is run twice a year in California, and Peebler has been asked back as a trainer at least five times. The two-week training session culminates in a mock search warrant being executed by students at a fictitious business – and Peebler is a facilitator in the program.

Two facilitators per student team assist in guiding the class toward a successful investigation of a mock environmental crime. She, along with a Special Agent from US EPA, the other facilitator, work together to teach students elements such as collecting environmental evidence, search warrant preparation, interviewing, facility inspections and sampling.

Peebler also taught a section on [RCRA](#) vs non-RCRA hazardous waste classification.

“I enjoy bringing my experience of working closely with our criminal investigators in investigating environmental crimes at DTSC to other agencies that are learning to work cooperatively in either a task-force arena or other settings,” she said.

The latest training session was May 6 through May 17 at the California State Training Institute in San Luis Obispo.