



**COURSE NUMBER**

FHWA-NHI-132069

**COURSE TITLE**

**Driven Pile Foundation Inspection**

This course provides Federal, State, and local inspectors with practical knowledge and standard industry practices for inspecting pile-driving operations at transportation construction sites.

To establish a national standard for transportation personnel, NHI developed the course based on a number of Federal and State sources: the course materials from the Florida Department of Transportation’s Pile Driving Inspector’s Qualification test, AASHTO’s 2000 Bridge Construction Specifications, and the NHI courses Driven Pile Foundations - Design and Construction (FHWA-NHI-132021) and Driven Pile Foundations - Construction Monitoring (FHWA-NHI-132022). However, the local specifications, inspection reports, and plan sheets available from the hosting agency also will be discussed. The course includes a 3-hour qualification examination.

**OUTCOMES**

Upon completion of the course, participants will be able to:

- Explain the inspector’s role, duties, and responsibilities
- Describe the pile-driving system components
- Recognize key inspection elements of the contract documents
- Identify proper communication and coordination with the engineer and contractor
- Identify the key elements of a pile installation plan
- Recognize and identify pile-driving system components and tools
- Verify tip elevations, cutoff elevations, pile penetration, and length driven for vertical and battered piles
- Perform inspection of pile-driving operations and verify compliance with construction tolerances
- Recognize when to stop driving based upon provided driving criteria, minimum tip or penetration, and refusal guidelines.
- Verify pile condition, labeling, and marking for compliance
- Recognize and explain the difference between test piles and production piles and the various types of pile testing
- Identify “driving” irregularities
- Identify and document pay quantities
- Interpret and apply applicable AASHTO specifications relating to foundation acceptance
- List potential problems and safety issues

**TARGET AUDIENCE**

The target audience for this course includes those who inspect pile-driving operations during construction of foundations and major structures. In addition, project management and construction engineers in charge of pile-driving construction inspections are encouraged to attend. Attendees should have completed courses in basic courses in reading construction plans as well as construction math and high school algebra.

**TRAINING LEVEL:** Intermediate

**FEE:** 2016: \$850 Per Person; 2017: \$850 Per Person

**LENGTH:** 2.5 DAYS (CEU: 1.5 UNITS)

**CLASS SIZE:** MINIMUM: 20; MAXIMUM: 35

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