

# Chicago Precaution Academy:

## Practical Training for Precautionary Action

*A learning laboratory for prevention, foresight and forecaring*

[http://www.precaution.org/lib/06/pp\\_academy.htm](http://www.precaution.org/lib/06/pp_academy.htm)

Dates: **May 19-21, 2006** (Friday 5 pm – Sunday noon)

Location: **Chicago** (near O'Hare airport)

Cost: \$350 including hotel and meals;

\$200 w/o hotel; some scholarships available.

**Space is limited so make your reservation today!**

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**The Precaution Academy** is intended to serve the needs of community-based activists, government officials, public health workers, and the interested public.

Join us for an intensive weekend of training to prepare you to apply precautionary thinking to a wide range of issues in your community and workplaces such as public health, poverty, injustice, education, housing, urban sprawl, and toxic chemicals. Sessions treat specific problems that participants identify.

Registration is limited to 15 people on a first-come, first-served basis. To receive a registration form, please contact Tim Montague or Sherri Seidmon. Send your completed registration form with check payable to Science and Environmental Health Network, P.O. Box 50733, Eugene, OR 97405.

**Presenters and discussion leaders** include: Carolyn Raffensperger, JD, MA (executive director of [Science and Environmental Health Network](http://www.sehn.org), SEHN); Nancy Myers, MA (SEHN); Ted Schettler, MD, MPH (SEHN); and Peter Montague, PhD, (executive director of [Environmental Research Foundation](http://www.rachel.org) and editor of *Rachel's Precaution Reporter* and of *Rachel's Democracy & Health News*).

**The Precaution Academy** is an introduction to new ways of strengthening democratic society, preventing harm to the environment and improving human health.

**The purpose of the Precaution Academy is to:**

- Prepare participants to apply precautionary thinking and action to problems in their home communities and workplaces;
- Familiarize participants with the history of the regulatory system, quantitative risk assessment, and the development of precautionary thinking.
- Clarify the uncertainties involved in contemporary problems and the role of precaution in addressing uncertainty;
- Prepare participants to respond to criticisms of the precautionary approach;
- Help participants reframe familiar problems and issues within a precautionary framework, and to explore how prevention differs from problem-management.
- Familiarize participants with the many ways that precaution is being applied in the U.S., Canada and abroad so they can apply it at home.

Participants will receive a copy of the new book  
***Precautionary Tools for Reshaping Environmental Policy***,  
supplemented by a short workbook of articles.

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