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Training is critical to the renewable energy industry. This week Quentin Witherspoon, President of Environmental Solar Industries, llc., completed an introductory and advance case studies course on Photovoltaic Grid Interactive systems at North Carolina's Solar Center. The course, sponsored by DC Power, the nation's largest renewable energy wholesale distributor, applied years of west coast residential and commercial experience to special cases related to the Southeastern United States.

Completion of this course certifies Environmental Solar Industries, llc. as a DC Power Installer / Dealer, and shows the level of commitment that ESI has to proper training and technique. "The difference in a regular electrician and an electrician with Photovoltaic training is like night and day," says Quentin Witherspoon, "Yeah, anyone can sell a system and throw it on a roof, but working with PV is nothing like standard electrical work – there are way more risks to take into account."

This training is the first in many steps to becoming certified by the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP,) which is scheduled to be complete later this year.

Additionally, in April ESI will receive certification for home energy rating inspections.