

National Clearinghouse

- Welcome to Chicago
- Brief Overview of Role
- Review Progress Since Fall Meeting
- Awardee Feedback & Involvement
- Portal Usability Testing On-Site
- Future Possibilities

Role of Clearinghouse

- Provide Information and Communication Services to Awardees
- Coordinate with other Federal Agencies
- Four Major Tasks:
 1. Digital Library – Curricula & Related Data
 2. Workshops – Logistics and reporting
 3. Dissemination of Technical Information
 4. Research – data and analysis

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- Following October meeting:
 - User group for website formed
 - Wetp.org went live
 - Weekly Newsbrief
 - ATT Workshop Finalized
 - Best Practices

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Countdown to NIEHS/OSHA "Best Practices" Spring Workshop April 17-19, Chicago, Ill.

All information regarding the workshop, including registration, is available on the [workshop information page](#). You can also download the workshop agenda here ([short meeting agenda](#) | [detailed meeting agenda](#)).

We are happy to note that this workshop will be jointly sponsored by the OSHA Office of Training and Education (OTE) and the Worker Education and Training Program (WETP) of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS).

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Hazmat News

[Emergency workers treated after exposure to toxic chemical](#)
 Syracuse Online 15-Apr-2001 8:03am

[Flint: Household hazardous waste disposal set for May 12](#)
 The Flint Journal 16-Apr-2001 2:33pm

[Hazardous materials collection day May 5](#)
 MassLive 16-Apr-2001 8:25am

[Hazmat consultant retained](#)
 MassLive 13-Apr-2001 8:17am



The E-Newsbrief of The National Clearinghouse for Worker Safety & Health Training

[Job openings](#)

Top News Stories

April 12, 2001

Bush Advisor Suggests Halting Cleanup of Nuclear Sites

A policy advisor to President Bush is recommending in a new report that the administration could help pay for its \$1.6 trillion tax cut by eliminating the Department of Energy's (DOE) nuclear waste cleanup program and redesignating the contaminated sites as wildlife preserves.

In his newly released research paper "From Waste to Wilderness: Maintaining Biodiversity on Nuclear-Bomb-Building Sites," Dr. Robert Nelson of the Competitive Enterprise Institute suggests that "spending billions of dollars on environmental cleanup is not necessarily good for the environment," citing damage done to the Alaska shoreline after the Exxon Valdez cleanup as an example.

[Press release](#) | [Report](#) | [Listserve commentary](#) (opposing opinion)

DOE Employees to Be Tested for Beryllium

Agency Updates

Research Grant for Beryllium-Induced Diseases

The purpose of this initiative is to engage the support of scientific projects designed to understand the cellular and molecular events that underlie the transition from antigen sensitization to beryllium to chronic beryllium disease in order to improve identification of markers of disease initiation and progression for early therapeutic intervention and effective environmental control strategies.

Chronic beryllium disease (CBD) is an occupationally acquired lung disease similar clinically to other granulomatous diseases, such as sarcoidosis, schistosomiasis and tuberculosis. The disease process begins as a sensitizing cell-mediated immune response to beryllium antigen which develops into a noncasing granuloma. The most significant exposure to beryllium occurs in the occupational setting. Workers potentially exposed are those



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The Worker Education Training Portal

Worker Education training Program

The Worker Education and Training Program is dedicated to educating workers to safely handle hazardous materials in the workplace as well as in emergency situations. Since 1987, WETP has awarded grants to dozens of organizations to develop exhaustive curricula on a variety of subjects, ranging from procedures for first responders to hazmat emergencies, to Superfund site cleanup certification, to training to bring minorities into the workforce.

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Type of HAZMAT

- Chemicals
- Petroleum Products
- Nuclear Waste
- Bio Hazard
- Air Pollution
- Ground Contamination
- Superfunds
- Brownfields
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- Lead
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General Concerns

- Reproductive Health
- Worker's Compensation
- MSDS (International Chemical Safety Cards)

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- Clearinghouse appreciates and needs your input to improve our services
- Various informal mechanisms have been used to date
- Suggestion to recreate formal Awardee Advisory Committee to Clearinghouse
- Web Portal Usability Surveys

Future Possibilities

- Tighter Integration of Awardee Content with Clearinghouse Portal
- Identification of additional resources for Awardees
- “Olympic Host Committee” style competition to host spring meetings
- Collective Vision to meet your needs