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## Federal Partnerships

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# Operating Engineers National Hazmat Program (OENHP)

- Background

- Training Initiatives

- Environmental Protection Agency(EPA)

- HAZWOPER

- U. S. Department of Energy (DOE)

- HAZWOPER

- U. S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- WMD through NIEHS

# Operating Engineers National Hazmat Program (OENHP)

- Cooperative Agreement Mission and Goals
  - Improve all aspects of safety and health for America's workers
  - To supply a more productive, profitable and safe workforce
- IUOE Membership
  - 240,000 Hoisting and Portable (Operating Engineers)
  - 120,00 Stationary Engineers

# Partnerships

- Recognizing the critical role OE fulfills in emergency situations-WTC, Pentagon
- General President Frank Hanley in July 2002, established the IUOE Homeland Security Division and the National Emergency Response Center
- The program designed to prepare members as first responders in such emergencies
- Programs are located in IUOE's International Environmental Technology and Training Center in Beckley, WV

# Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

- Partnership for training
- Train the Trainer (T-t-T) approach
- Course structure
  - Prevention
  - Mitigation
  - Cleanup

# DHS

- Prevention
  - Workers are part of the defense system
  - WMD training
  - Vulnerability/risk assessment
- Mitigation
  - Emergency response
  - Using facility systems (HVAC) to prevent damage
  - Crisis management
- Cleanup
  - Direct relation to HAZWOPER Training

# Chemical Industry HS Training

- Addresses Chemical Industry
- Train-the-Trainer approach
- Feedback to course content

# Mine Safety Health Administration (MSHA)

- Areas of Mutual Interest
  - Education and Training
  - Emergency Response Development
  - Outreach/communications
- Alliance for Collaboration to foster a culture of prevention and preparedness through:
  - Cross training in HAZWOPER for mine rescue personnel
  - Leveraging MSHA's Mine rescue model
  - Reaching out to Hispanic workforce
  - Cross training initiatives and resource utilization that are cost effective

# Energy Assurance Technical Training and Awareness Program

- Energy Infrastructure Protection
- Designed for broad spectrum of workers including managers, facility operators, and plant workers
- Designed to supply a cadre of workers through training can be the first line of defense for protection
- Reaches out to local, state and federal participants including safety, law enforcement and emergency response personnel

# Other Initiatives

- Human Factors Assessment Program
- Orange County Florida Sheriff's Association
- OSHA
- NIOSH
- West Virginia Army National Guard
- West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources

# Questions for discussion

- How are partnerships developed? Are they planned based on needs evaluation?
- What mechanism is most useful in forming partnerships? Top down, bottom up?
- How can training content focus on prevention, rather than being reactive in nature?
- Who are the under represented populations requiring training, what about the public?

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