

# **TOXIC WEB SCAVENGING --- A COMPETITIVE PARTICIPATORY WORKER SAFETY AND HEALTH TRAINING METHOD**

For this exercise, we will break into two competing teams of web surfers, each with a web browser (Netscape) and Internet access. After a cooperative period of strategizing and reconnoitering by your team, proceed to your laptop and go for those URL's (Uniform Resource Locators). Click on links. Go crazy.

As you would expect the goal of the exercise is to most quickly gather (scavenge) the appropriate requested information from the suggested Web sites. For more advanced users, please ignore our suggested starting points because they will make it too easy for you. To show us how "way cool" you truly are, give us an alternate, obscure or bizarre web addresses as a source answer. Extra credit for foreign and not ".com" sites.

It is suggested that each team divide themselves and their Web surfing sites into SGAU's (new acronym—small group activity units). For developing answers, a team with one member on the keyboard surfing and another team member as a recorder on butcher paper should work together to formulate answers for presentation to the whole group during the competitive presentation phase in front of the Toxic Web Scavenging Judging Panel, at which time scoring will take place. As was suggested before, speed of answering will be balanced with the creativity of the answers and their presentation to the Panel.

Please feel free to explore the suggested sites, since they represent a small corner of the environmental/occupational health and safety Web resource world. To assure maximum participation, divide up the URL scavenges among your group and push those inexperienced Web-o-phobes up to the keyboard first. Be sure to let everyone try out a search engine either keywords Web-wide or within particular sites

- 1) <http://atsdr1.atsdr.cdc.gov:8080/hazdat.htm> ----- This is the web site of the ATSDR HAZDAT database. Find what contaminant was found in fish off-site at the Baird McGuire Superfund site in Massachusetts. Hint for this clue is "click on the map".
- 2) <http://turva.me.tut.fi/cgi-bin/wilma/chesa>---- This is the OSHWEB site from a cool foreign source. It has a lot of great links. Check under chemical safety and let us know when the first sufficient evidence for the carcinogenicity of 2,3,7,8-

tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD) in experimental animals was published with the YEAR and organizational name ( not just acronym). You should be back at the National Toxicology Program (NTP), which is the cancer testing part of NIEHS in North Carolina Tarheel country.

- 3) <http://www.hazmat.org/about.HTM> --- The 8th Year of the Continuing Challenge Hazmat Workshop is the brainchild of the of what city municipal fire department? It will be holding its annual conference when and where??? Could you send a suggestion to the conference organizers?? Email the conference organizers from the Web page or just shoot it right to our own ever-lovable Paul Penn ([pjp@oes.ca.gov](mailto:pjp@oes.ca.gov)) and tell him to include Toxic Web Surfing as an innovative participatory training method at the workshop. Or you can just register.....
- 4) <http://www.niehs.nih.gov> ---- In my mind I'm goin' to Carolina, but not with James Taylor. Can you visit NIEHS and find the Worker Education and Training home page? Maybe look in the directory; maybe add "wetp.htm" to the URL; maybe look in Extramural and grants. We want you to go to the Clearinghouse and give us the headline from the first article in the March version of the Clearinghouse Newsbrief. Look at either the text version or maybe the PDF version if you have Adobe Acrobat and would like to get extra points from the judges.
- 5) <http://www.epa.gov> --- Head up to DC and check into the EPA home page. Can you find your way to the Superfund home page?? Hints would include the OSWER program office page or the site search engine or adding "superfund" to the URL address. We need to answer a frequently asked question about oil spill response and the worst case scenarios for developing facility response plans. What Appendix provides the guidance from 40 CFR part 112.
- 6) <http://www.em.doe.gov> --- Go visit the Environmental Management Home Page at DOE and find out "WHAT'S NEW" for the day of February 26<sup>th</sup>. What we need to find out is the ten-year budget for the Hanford site (Clue: Richland Area Office) from Al Alm's new 10 Year Plan. We need you to tell us what year they think that the "END WILL BE IN SITE....." . Don't get too contaminated in the process!!!
- 7) <http://www.osha.gov> ---