

## Workshop Description

*3/30/07 1:15 pm Workshop Block 5*

**36. Pre-startup safety review (hurricane preparedness)** (*USW –Kathy Burris*) *Track: Emergency/Disaster Response and Preparedness*

This is a model course designed to deal with emergency response issues arising out of natural disasters such as earthquakes, tornados, floods and hurricanes. It uses our experiences with Hurricanes Rita and Katrina as case studies for both response planning and preparedness and prevention. It helps trainees to identify and list the hazards present in a normal startup and to identify and examine additional hazards created by a Total Emergency Hurricane Shutdown. The trainees identify the need for new startup procedures to address the unique hazards of total shutdown caused by a hurricane and review a Hurricane Plan to determine if their facility is meeting its standards. They then determine if the plan itself is sufficient and who is the proper authority to make a hurricane shutdown call. During the course, the trainees will determine possible ways to organize around pushing this issue.