Disaster Site Worker Course Workshop:
Ensuring Skilled and Other Support Personnel are Prepared for Disasters

National Mine Health and Safety Academy
1301 Airport Road, Beaver, West Virginia

Agenda

Wednesday, May 21, 2008

9:00 – 9:20 Welcome
Barbara McCabe, International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE) National HAZMAT Program
Janet Bertinuson, Superintendent, National Mine Academy

9:20 – 9:40 Overview of Workshop and Workshop Goals
Chip Hughes, Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), Worker Education and Training Program (WETP); Frame the Issues for the Workshop
John Ferris, Acting Deputy Director, Directorate of Science, Technology and Medicine (DSTM), OSHA; DSTM’s Role and Interest in the Disaster Site Worker Courses
Jim Barnes, Director, Office of Training and Educational Programs, Directorate of Training and Education (DTE)

9:40 – 10:40 Potential Consequences of Disaster Site Work
Gregory Fayard, DOL, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries; Disaster Fatality Statistics
Jeanne M. Stellman, SUNY Downstate Medical Center; PTSD Among Emergency Responders versus Construction Workers
Davitt McAteer, former Assistant Secretary, Mine Safety and Health Administration; Mine Disasters and Response Activities

10:40 – 11:00 Break

11:00 – 12:30 Challenges of Training at a Disaster Site
Facilitator: Don Elisburg, National Clearinghouse; Facilitated discussion working towards strategies to ensure workers receive pre-incident training
Chris Trahan, CPWR, The Center for Construction Research and Training; Brief recap of training at the World Trade Center
Ron Snyder, Kirkwood Community College; Brief recap of training at Katrina
Mike Zustra, Director, Environmental Health and Safety, The Shaw Group; DHS Disaster Training Requirements and Katrina Experience
Tim Gallagher, FEMA Training Officer in charge of USAR; How and where they fit in and the importance of NIMS compliance

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch
1:30 – 2:30 Comprehensive Safety and Health Training for Workers Engaged in Disaster Response Activities
Facilitator: Chris Trahan, CPWR, The Center for Construction Research and Training; Facilitated discussion on how we clarify the differences between Disaster Site Worker, HAZWOPER and site specific training and why there is a need for each of them.

2:30 – 2:55 Building Coalitions at the Grassroots Level
Chief Jim Riley, Chair of State USAR Alliance and Bill Byrnes, IUOE Local 825; Case Study of the Alliance

2:55 – 3:00 Charge to Breakouts
Donald Elisburg, National Clearinghouse

3:00 – 3:15 Break/Move to Concurrent Breakout Sessions

3:15 – 4:45 Concurrent Breakout Sessions
Discussions on policy changes to ensure the training is widely used and other ways to promote the training/marketing plans

4:45 – 5:15 Report Back from Concurrent Sessions

Thursday, May 22, 2008

8:30 – 9:15 Review of the Development and Delivery of the Disaster Site Worker Course
Jim Barnes, DTE and Jim Remington, NIEHS; Overview of Development Process
Chip Booth, IUOE National HAZMAT Program and Robert Nesbit, University of South Florida; Experiences in delivering the course

9:15 – 10:00 Revisiting the Disaster Site Worker Courses
Discussion of the 7600 course, the 5600 course and a new update course for trainers.
Bruce Lippy, The Lippy Group; Overview of courses, issues and ideas for possible changes

10:00 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 11:45 Concurrent Breakout Sessions
Discussions on the content of each course and how the courses connect to one another

11:45 – 12:00 Report Back from Concurrent Breakout Sessions

12:00 – 12:30 Wrap up
Stewart Burkhammer, Burkhammer Consulting Services; Private Sector and Construction Industry Disaster Preparedness Coordination