

Save the Date

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



May 21–22, 2008
Beaver, West Virginia

Location: IUOE National Training Fund/National HAZMAT Program facility and the MSHA National Health and Safety Training Academy

Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), Worker Education and Training Program (WETP) and the U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration's, OSHA Training Institute

Purpose and Scope

Pre-incident training is critical for workers who may find themselves responding to a disaster. Skilled and other support personnel (such as construction, utility and transportation workers) along with federal, state and local government workers and others may find themselves working on a disaster site, be it during the response, cleanup or recovery stage. These populations need to understand the unique hazards that are present on a disaster site before they are deployed there.

The Disaster Site Worker courses (OSHA 7600 and OSHA 5600) arose from a clearly identified need at Ground Zero and can save lives during disaster responses by providing workers who respond to disasters the critical knowledge they need to protect themselves. To date, limited use of this course has been reported, raising concerns about the lack of pre-incident training being provided to disaster site workers.

The following issues will be discussed:

- Developing solutions to the challenge of delivering pre-incident training to those who are likely to be on a disaster site
- Policy changes and other strategies to increase pre-incident disaster training
- Challenges for improving the courses

Hotel Information:

Budget Inn	304-253-8318
Country Inns & Suites	304-252-5100
Holiday Inn Express	304-252-2250
Fairfield Inn	304-252-8661
Courtyard	304-252-9800
Sleep In	304-255-4222

Who should attend?

- Government agency personnel who oversee disaster response activities
- Contractor personnel who deploy workers to response, cleanup and/or recovery operations at disaster sites
- OSHA Training Institute Education Centers interested in providing the Disaster Site Worker courses
- NIEHS awardees interested in providing the Disaster Site Worker courses
- State and local emergency response and support personnel

**For more information, contact the National Clearinghouse
for Worker Safety and Health Training at:**
202-331-7733 or info@wetsp.org.

Registration information will be available soon at:
<http://tools.niehs.nih.gov/wetp>

