

Awardee Meeting
 Clearinghouse Update
 10/15/08

Welcome Tim Fields to MDB. Tim, who most of you know from his days serving as the Assistant Administrator for OSWER at EPA, is a great supporter of this program. Tim joined MDB at the end of September. We couldn't be happier.

Thank staff – Kerri, Daniel, Bernie, Don, Michael for his support. Mary Ann and Eric. Mention new interns, one from GW's OS&H graduate program.

Past year's accomplishments

- You should all have a copy of the FY 2008 annual report, which pretty much sums up our activity. However, some of the highlights of the last year are:
 - Training tools: finalized the **RDD booklet**; pulled together a **wildfire training tool**; developed the **flood response training tool and booklet**; and have just about completed the **earthquake training tool and booklet**.
 - We also printed the revised version of the English hurricane booklet (post Katrina version) and the Katrina versions of the Spanish and Vietnamese.
- Focused a good deal of effort on the Depart of Energy program. Most of that effort was around implementation of the 851 (worker safety and health program) rule. Also participating in the meetings between HSS and the unions on a variety of issues: Training; Safety Standards/851; Central Worker Data/Former Worker Energy Comp programs; Injury and Illness data (CAIRS); and Aging Workforce; and Strategic Initiatives
- Closed the physical archives.
- Completed the Strategic Plan
- Coordinated the Disaster Site Worker Course workshop (May 21-22). As a result of this workshop, OSHA OTI has developed the outline for the Disaster Site Worker Trainer Update, OTI Course #5602. Suggested revisions to both the 5600 and the 7600 were forwarded to OTI. We hope to renew discussions about these suggested changes with OTI in the coming year.

Training Tool	Booklet	Language
Hurricane Katrina	Yes	English, Spanish, Vietnamese
Avian Influenza	Yes	English and Spanish
RDD	Yes	English
Earthquake (in progress)	Yes (in progress)	English
Wildfire	No	English
Floods	Yes	English
General Hurricane	Yes	English

Upcoming Year's Activities

- DOE Needs Assessment. In addition we will try to assess of the extent to which 851 is being implemented to meet its intent; determining the extent to which ISM and VPP have an impact on training effectiveness; and examining whether worker involvement is being achieved in the implementation of 851, ISM and VPP.
- Daniel and Bernie will be working on a Chemical incident response training tool (which we'll be discussing in the breakout session with Ted, Chip and Jim)
- The spring meeting (April 29-May 1 in Cincinnati) will be focused on state partnerships to address chemical terrorism and other chemical incidents. We've been working with the Interstate Chemical Terrorism Workgroup to help shape the meeting and are in the early stages. We're looking for volunteers to participate in the planning committee for the meeting.

Generally speaking though, all of our efforts in the upcoming year are tied to the Strategic Plan. I'd be happy to talk with any of you in more detail about our efforts for the upcoming year.