

**WETP Awardee Meeting  
Chapel Hill, NC  
October 15, 2008**

**12:30pm  
Call to Order and Welcome**

**Chip Hughes, NIEHS  
Program Updates**

- Tried to focus this year on the themes of the Strategic Plan which included creating strategic partnerships with other agencies

Budget Outlook

- Lost money from EPA
- On a continuing resolution

NIEHS Transitions – new Director

- Will likely find out who it is next week

DOE Training Needs Assessment Process

- Added component to the NIEHS contract
- Had a meeting in Idaho in August – talked about Rule 851
- Open to suggestions about sites to go to for the DOE needs assessment for future training, and for DOE awardees

Spring 2009 Meeting

- Attempting to engage in a partnership with ICTW
- Kicking off planning for 2009 meeting with the theme around state and local partnerships
- Scheduled for April 29, 30, May 1 in Cincinnati, OH

**Sharon Beard, NIEHS  
MWT Program**

- Brownfields 2009 will be held November 16-18, 2009 in New Orleans, LA
- Call for abstracts will come out in the next few months
- Provided update on current training sites for Dillard University, OAI, Inc., CPWR, UMDNJ updates
  
- MWT Program
- 318 trained, 223 currently employed

- Brownfields Program
- 226 trained, 152 placed – 68% job placement rate

**Ted Outwater, NIEHS  
HWWTP**

- 139,556 workers trained for 1,378,707 contact hours (2007-2008)
- Up from 131,037 workers in 2006-2007
- Down from 1,425,059 contact hours
- SBIR Award Update...over \$3M since 2002 in awards

**Jim Remington  
WETB**

HDPTP 2007-2008

- Courses: 787
- Students: 11,628
- Contact Hours: 123,984
- 24% increase from 2006-2007

Disaster Response Preparedness Initiatives

- NRF Activities for Hurricanes Gustav and Ike
- NIOSH
  - Disaster Surveillance Working Group
  - CA Public Health Emergency Responder Resource Meeting
- National Response Team Health and Safety Subcommittee
  - Fall Technical Conference
- ICTW
  - Public Health Preparedness Summit
- Course Attendance
  - IAFF (Hazmat First Responders Operations)
  - NLC (Rail Workers Hazardous Materials Training)
- DHS Planning Scenarios
  - In final process of reviewing the Earthquake Tool
  - Chemical Terrorism is the next training tool

**Carolyn Mason, DERT**  
**NIEHS Grants Management Update**

- Final NIH Appropriations FY 2008
- Average competing award expected to increase by 1%
- Funding level reduction by 10-20%
- FFATA changes have been implemented
- NIH consulting fees regulations

**Lynn Albert, MDB**  
**Section 508 and You**

Section 508 means that people with and without disabilities to access the information

How do you know if your document is 508 compliant?

- Create the document following the 508 rules
- Convert the document to .pdf format

Things to look for:

- Document properties language is missing
- Images with missing alternative text
- Files of 10 pages or more do not have bookmarks
- Use standard bullets

**Question**

Chemical Terrorism – are we working on the policy issues too?

**Answer**

We have tried to create usable information for responders  
DHS and CDC were not paying attention to chemical security issues

**Deborah Weinstock, MDB**  
**National Clearinghouse Update**

- Lynn Albert and Tim Fields have joined the MDB staff
- Have printed extra copies of the hurricane booklet available
- Focused this year on DOE and the 851 Rule
- Spring 2009 in Cincinnati, OH to focus on state and local efforts for chemical terrorism

**2:30pm Concurrent Sessions**  
**Program Official Meeting**  
**HWWT/HDPT/DOE Issues**  
**Chip Hughes, NIEHS**

**Breakout Agenda**

OSHA/DSW/HAZWOPER

- Barb McDonough received a letter of interpretation from OSHA 5600 saying that you can combine the 8-hour and 10-hour course as long as you meet the requirements of both courses, basically by reducing the redundancies
- OSHA 7600 class should also be considered to be combined
- Block training leaves only 4 hours for HAZWOPER
- NFPA was recently updated, not sure how the length of the course and the certification process will be affected
- NFPA has added to operations level training, decontamination and PPE
- Towns don't have the budgets to pay for training
- Hope to have a standard of what constitutes a HAZMAT "team"

Chemical Weapons Tool

- Covers mustard, nerve, chlorine, and chemical agents
- Target audience should be broad to cover a wide group of people
- Audience should be LAPCs, community
- How can the tool be used in the training environment?
  - Generic toxicology document
  - Don't want to over think the training tool – basic reminder for people
- How can this be used to teach WMD responders?
  - Booklets were being used by people that weren't getting any other type of training
- Certain topic that should be included on the slides and trainer's notes?
- A topic should be included about alerting signals to the community
- Should include the extreme example of the railroad chlorine release Graniteville
- Page or two in the back with links to organizations that are looking to "green" the economy, examples: green institutes, alternative, TRI data, NJ State

DOE Update/Nuclear Weapons Complex

- NIEHS has offered to do an assessment of the 851 and the complex
- Signed an agreement with DOE EM a few years ago until 2012
- Behavioral-based safety is strong in DOE
- OSHA 300 Log focuses on hours worked, not the hazards faced

#### Other

- At the Spring Meeting working group representatives
- Reach out to other states that are dealing with responder safety
- NRF has pushed responsibilities down to state and local levels
- Want to identify states that has lead on worker safety and health, while seeking out other successful models
- Perhaps we can have an exercise where response groups need to consider other groups' responsibilities
- Want to reach out to the public health institutions, examples: NACCHO, ASTHO
- Last summer OSHA issued an RFI for Subpart Q – did that go anywhere in OSHA?