



National Institute of  
Environmental Health Sciences  
Worker Training Program



VIRTUAL / May 18-19, 2022

## SPRING WORKSHOP

# Preparing Workers for the Impacts of Climate Change through Training

## AGENDA

All times listed are Eastern

Register to receive the ZoomGov links: <https://nih.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJl1f-yupjlqHvcFzBUwwwuC5YtL-hWYHr1I>

### Workshop Day 1: May 18, 2022

1:00 – 1:15 p.m. **Welcome**

- Sharon Beard, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) Worker Training Program (WTP)

1:15 – 1:30 p.m. **Icebreaker**

- Kenda Freeman, National Clearinghouse

1:30 – 2:15 p.m. **Challenges of Climate Change for Workers and Communities**

**MODERATOR:** Jim Remington, NIEHS WTP

- Amy Liebman, Atlantic Center for Occupational Health and Safety/Migrant Clinicians Network

**TOPIC:** Addressing Agriculture Workers' Exposure to Severe Environmental Conditions

- Arturo Archila, The Steelworkers Charitable and Educational Organization (SCEO)/The Labor Institute, Cal Soto, SCEO/National Day Laborer Organizing Network, and Nik Theodore, Ph.D., University of Illinois Chicago

**TOPIC:** Immigrant Day Laborers as Second Responders in Climate Disasters

2:15 – 2:30 p.m. **Break**

2:30 – 3:00 p.m. **Protecting the Health of All Americans in the Face of Climate Change: The New OCCHE**

- John Balbus, M.D., U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of Climate Change and Health Equity (OCCHE)

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. **Q&A Session**

3:15 – 4:00 p.m. **Sharing Approaches to Address Climate Change Impacts on Workers and Communities**

**MODERATOR:** Demia Wright, NIEHS WTP

- Julie Thorstenson, Native American Fish and Wildlife Society

**TOPIC:** Tribal Approaches to Addressing Climate Change Impacts

- Nancy Zuniga, Institute of Popular Education of Southern California

**TOPIC:** Educational and Outreach Approaches for Day Laborers and Domestic Workers

- Donele Wilkins, Midwest Consortium for Hazardous Waste Worker Training/Green Door Initiative

**TOPIC:** A Community Resilience Center Responds to COVID-19 and Climate Change

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4:00 – 5:00 p.m. **Climate Impacts on Worker Health (Mini training sessions)**

*Participants will attend a session for 25 minutes and then switch to a second session.*

- **Gavin West**, CPWR - The Center for Construction Research and Training  
**TOPIC: Heat**
- **Kevin Riley, Ph.D.**, Western Region Universities Consortium  
**TOPIC: Wildfires**
- **Scott Patlovich, Dr.P.H.**, Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Consortium/The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston  
**TOPIC: Industrial Hygiene Training Needs Due to Climate Change**
- **Kim Dunn and Bruce McClue**, Historically Black Colleges and Universities Consortium  
**TOPIC: Flooding/Hurricanes**
- **Patricia Strizak**, The New England Consortium-Civil Service Employees Association  
**TOPIC: Mental Health**

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5:00 – 5:15 p.m. **Instructions for Day Two**

- **Joy Lee**, National Clearinghouse and **Amber Mitchell, Dr.P.H.**, National Clearinghouse

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5:15 p.m. **Adjourn**

## Workshop Day 2: May 19, 2022

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1:00 – 1:15 p.m. **Welcome Back**

- **Sharon Beard**, NIEHS WTP

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1:15 – 1:45 p.m. **Climate Change: Unrecognized Exposures in the Post-Wildfire Environment**

- **Dawn Bolstad-Johnson**, Kaizen Safety Solutions, LLC and author of *EXPOSED: Carcinogenic Exposures on the Fireground*

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1:45 – 2:00 p.m. **Q&A Session**

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2:00 – 2:15 p.m. **Break**

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2:15 – 2:45 p.m. **A Tour of Flood Mitigation in Chicago: Addressing Infrastructure Needs for Worker Safety and Community Resilience**

- **Justin Brown**, Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

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2:45 – 4:15 p.m. **Building Plans to Address Climate Change in the Workplace**

- **Joy Lee**, National Clearinghouse and **Amber Mitchell, Dr.P.H.**, National Clearinghouse
  - Overview of the Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment Report
  - Review Risk Assessment Checklist

### Breakouts

*Breakout sessions will focus on a single scenario that unfolds over time and will allow participants to use the Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment Report and Climate Change Risk Assessment Checklist.*

### Report Back

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4:15 – 4:30 p.m. **Closing Remarks**

- **Janelle Rios, Ph.D.**, Prevention, Preparedness and Response Consortium

