



WTP Awardee Meeting Welcome

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- Welcome
- NIEHS Leadership Update
- Administrative Supplements and Executive Orders
- **Recovery Centers Launch Meeting**
May 19 from 1:00-3:00 pm
- Update on ECWTP



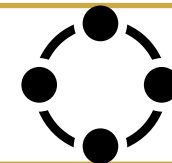
NIEHS Transitions



Deputy Director Search
(Have three candidates)



Acting Deputy Director DERT
(Dr. Gary Ellison)



My leadership style – All of us
/team approach



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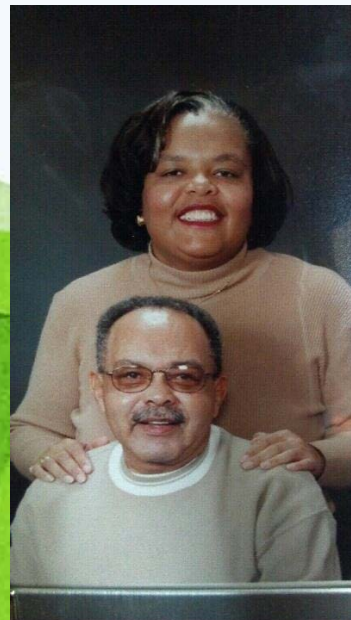
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From my viewpoint - Where I entered!

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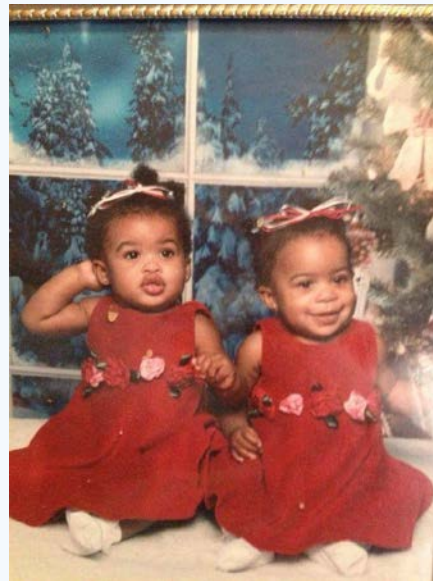
Tufts



Remembering where I came from.....

Mom – was a cook and Dad – forklift operator/warehouse supervisor
No one had received a college degree

My sister Regina was the first going to college.....





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Environmental Career Worker Training Program



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Timeline



Grantees

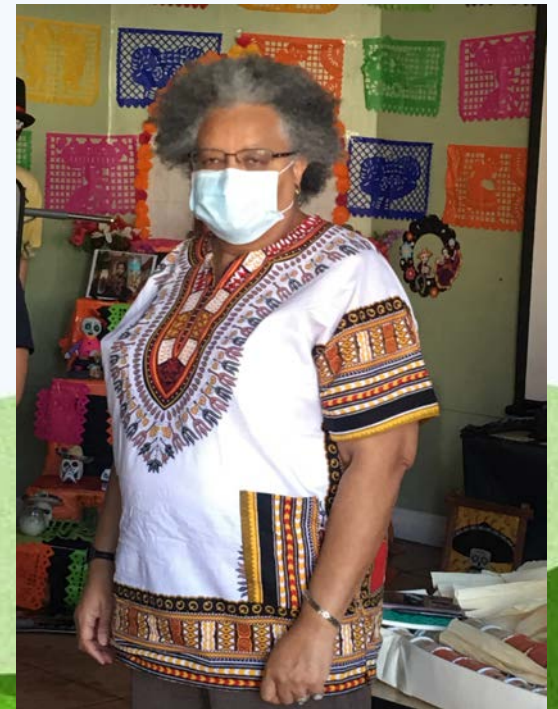


Trainees



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WHERE I AM NOW-AND
WHAT'S NEXT?



TEAM WORK— ALL OF US APPROACH

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NIEHS and Grants Management Branch



**Grantees
ALL
PROGRAMS**

**National
Clearing-
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Worker
Safety &
Health
Training**

**Contract
Staff –
Amber
Mitchell,
Ted Giltz &
Eric
Persaud**

WTP Administrative Supplements

- Contact Program Officer before submitting
- [Supplements - Research Supplements at NIEHS \(nih.gov\)](#)
- Only submit application for unmet need
 - Each program component
 - Emerging threats, emergencies and hazards
 - If you already have significant funds, unobligated balances, etc. – there is no need to submit application
 - Look to revise existing grants



2021 Executive Orders: Impact on our Programs

- Environmental Justice and Climate Change
 - [Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad | The White House](#)
 - [Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis | The White House](#)
 - [White House Announces Environmental Justice Advisory Council Members | The White House](#)
 - [White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council | Environmental Justice | US EPA](#)
 - [Environmental Justice Town Hall Meetings – EJ and Natural Disaster Subcommittee and Disaster Training](#)
- Racial Justice
 - [Executive Order On Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government | The White House](#)
- COVID-19
 - [Executive Order on Protecting Worker Health and Safety | The White House](#)
 - [Executive Order on Establishing the COVID-19 Pandemic Testing Board and Ensuring a Sustainable Public Health Workforce for COVID-19 and Other Biological Threats | The White House](#)



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Save
the
Date



**Recovery Centers
Launch Meeting -
May 19 from
1:00 -3:00 pm**

- As of April 2021, NIEHS has 8 COVID-19 Recovery Centers
 - [Prevention, Preparedness, and Response Consortium](#)
 - [Western Region Universities Consortium](#)
 - [New Jersey/New York Hazardous Materials Worker Training Center](#)
 - [Sustainable Workplace Alliance](#)
 - [The New England Consortium-Civil Service Employees](#)
 - [International Chemical Workers Union Council Center for Worker Health and Safety Education](#)
 - [Historically Black Colleges and Universities Consortium](#)
 - [Steelworkers Charitable Educational Organization /Tony Mazzocchi Center](#)
- The Centers will assess COVID-19 health risks, train essential workers, and coordinate resources needed to reduce disease transmission and promote recovery in disadvantaged and underserved communities.
- Produces high-quality curricula using appropriate language, cultural, and literacy considerations.

ECWTP Training Accomplishments

Note: The COVID-19 pandemic was declared on March 11, 2020. Training (and placement for ECWTP) numbers were impacted as a result of the pandemic.

NIEHS ECWTP (formerly MWTP) 25-year Training Summary for the Budget Period Aug. 1, 1995 – July 31, 2020*

Year	Students Trained	Placed in Jobs	Percentage of Students Placed in Jobs
1996-2008	7,566	5,115	68%
2009	379	285	75%
2010	531	372	70%
2011	396	291	73%
2012	366	274	75%
2013	367	279	76%
2014	348	269	77%
2015	397	323	81%
2016	440	334	76%
2017	562	392	70%
2018	569	423	74%
2019	644	497	77%
2020	455	270	59%
Total	13,020	9,124	70%

* The 1996-2008 numbers include numbers from the NIEHS/EPA Brownfields Minority Worker Training Program

ECWTP Questions and Updates



- Brownfields 2021 – Oklahoma City, OK
 - Registration Opens : May 3, 2021 – Dates of Conference is September 27, 2021
 - Asking all ECWTP to attend conference
- NIEHS WTP Awardee Meeting and Technical Workshop
 - October 19-21, 2021 (Planning for in person meeting)
- Sign up for listservs, Newsbrief and get access to DMS Resources
 - Follow instructions and attend NIEHS Monthly Updates
 - Meetings & Workshops (nih.gov)



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Topics for Today

1. A peak at COVID-era data

2. DOE Program Update

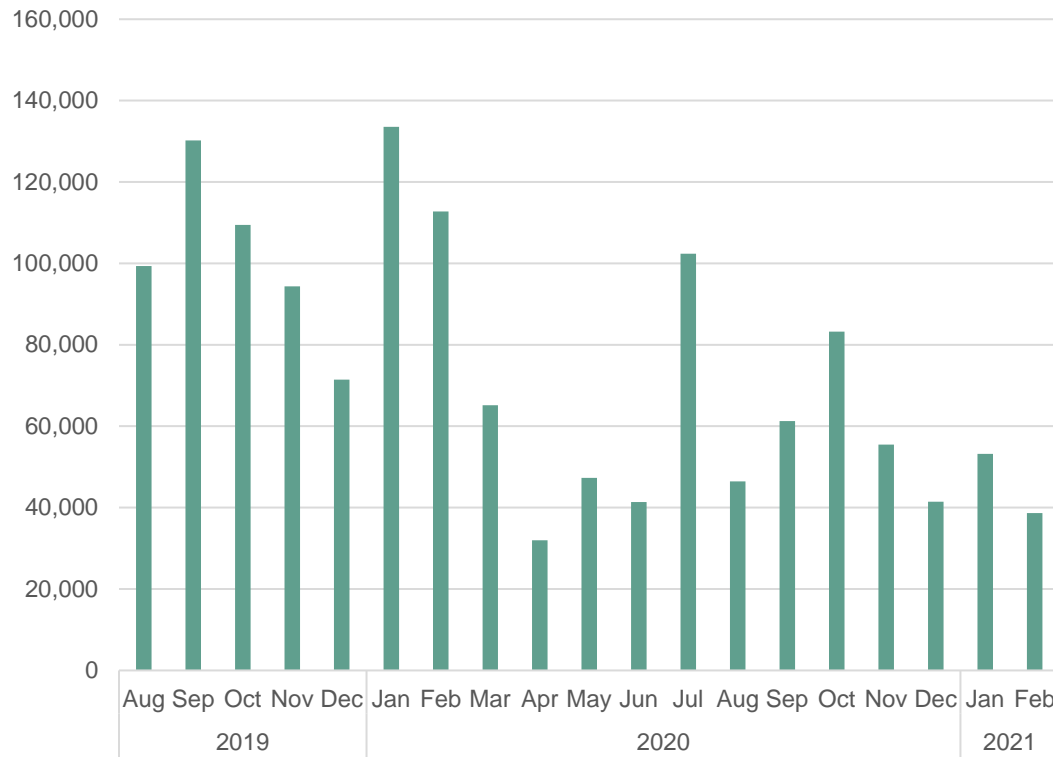
3. Evaluation, Communications, and Policy

Contact hours were more affected by COVID-19 than workers trained

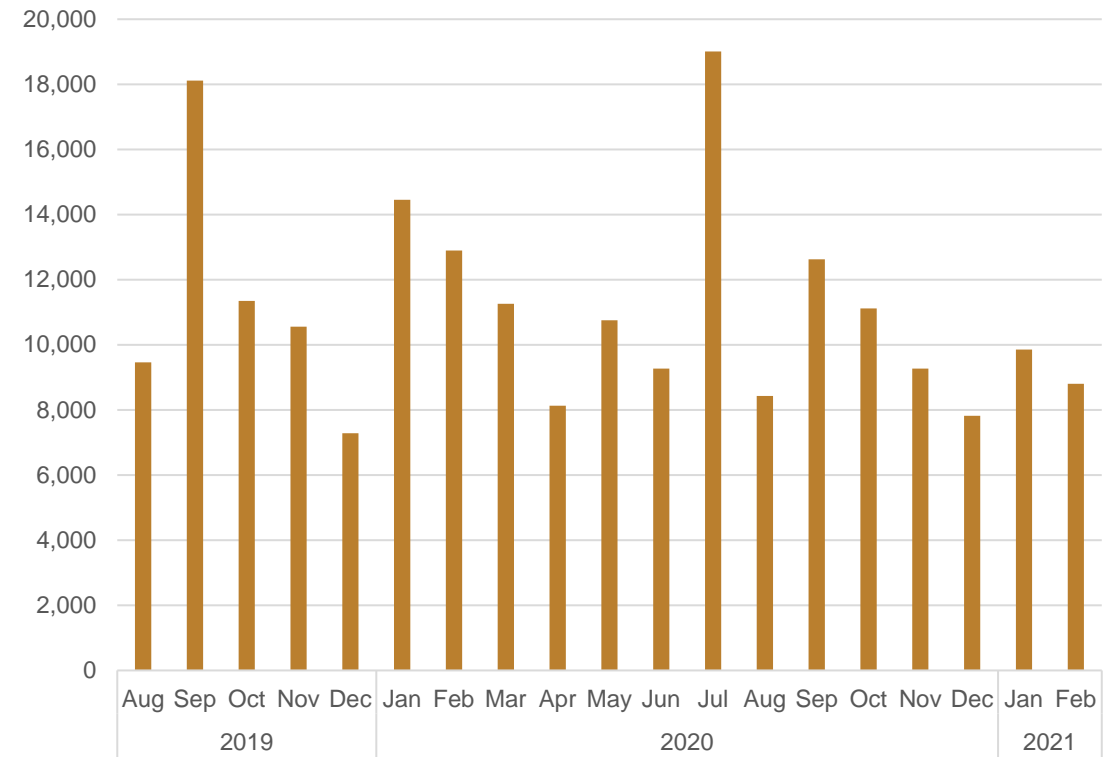
WTP HWWT and HDPT Training Data by Month (Aug 2019 – February 2021)

DRAFT – Interim 2021 data retrieved April 12, 2021

Contact Hours

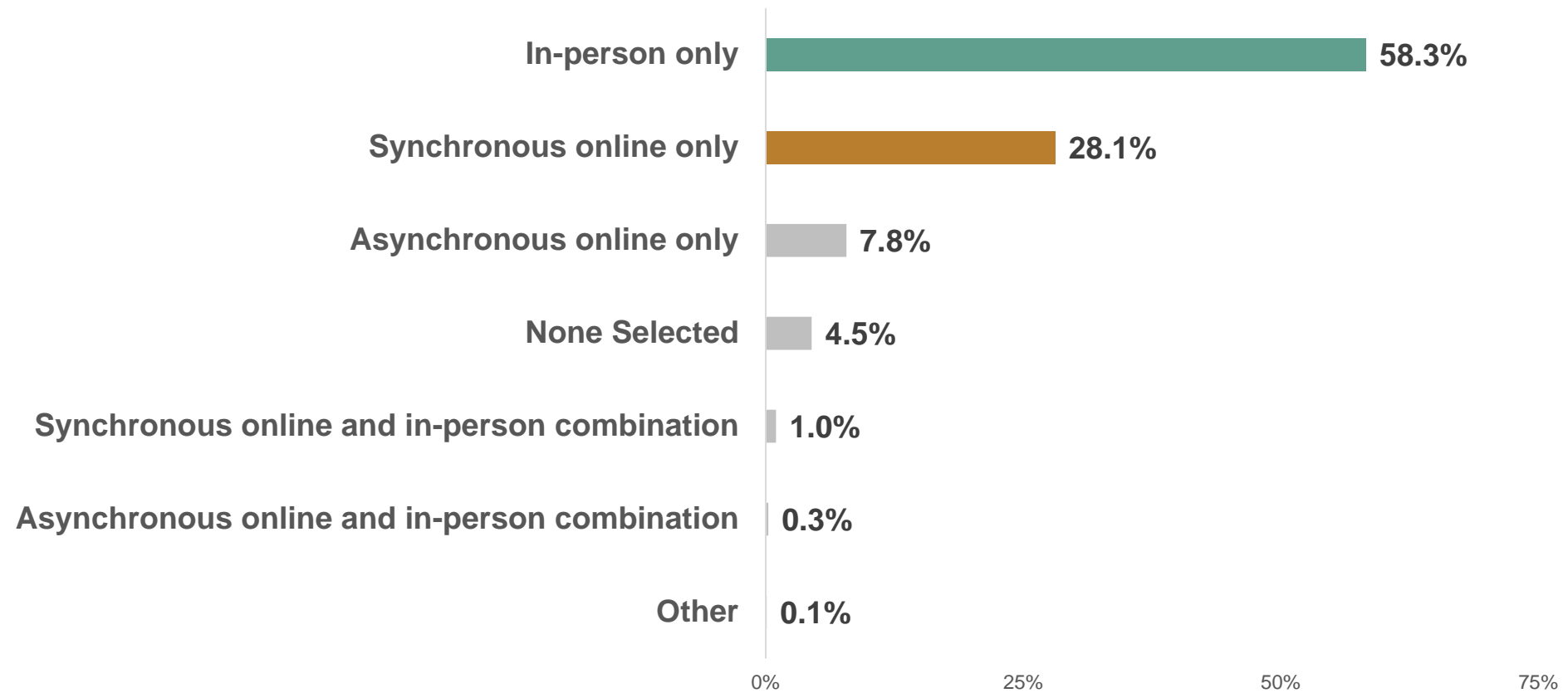


Workers Trained



Of the 3,994 WTP courses delivered Aug 2020 – Feb 2021, 58% were **in-person only** and 28% were **synchronous online only**

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NIEHS/DOE Nuclear Worker Training Program...

A long, long time ago



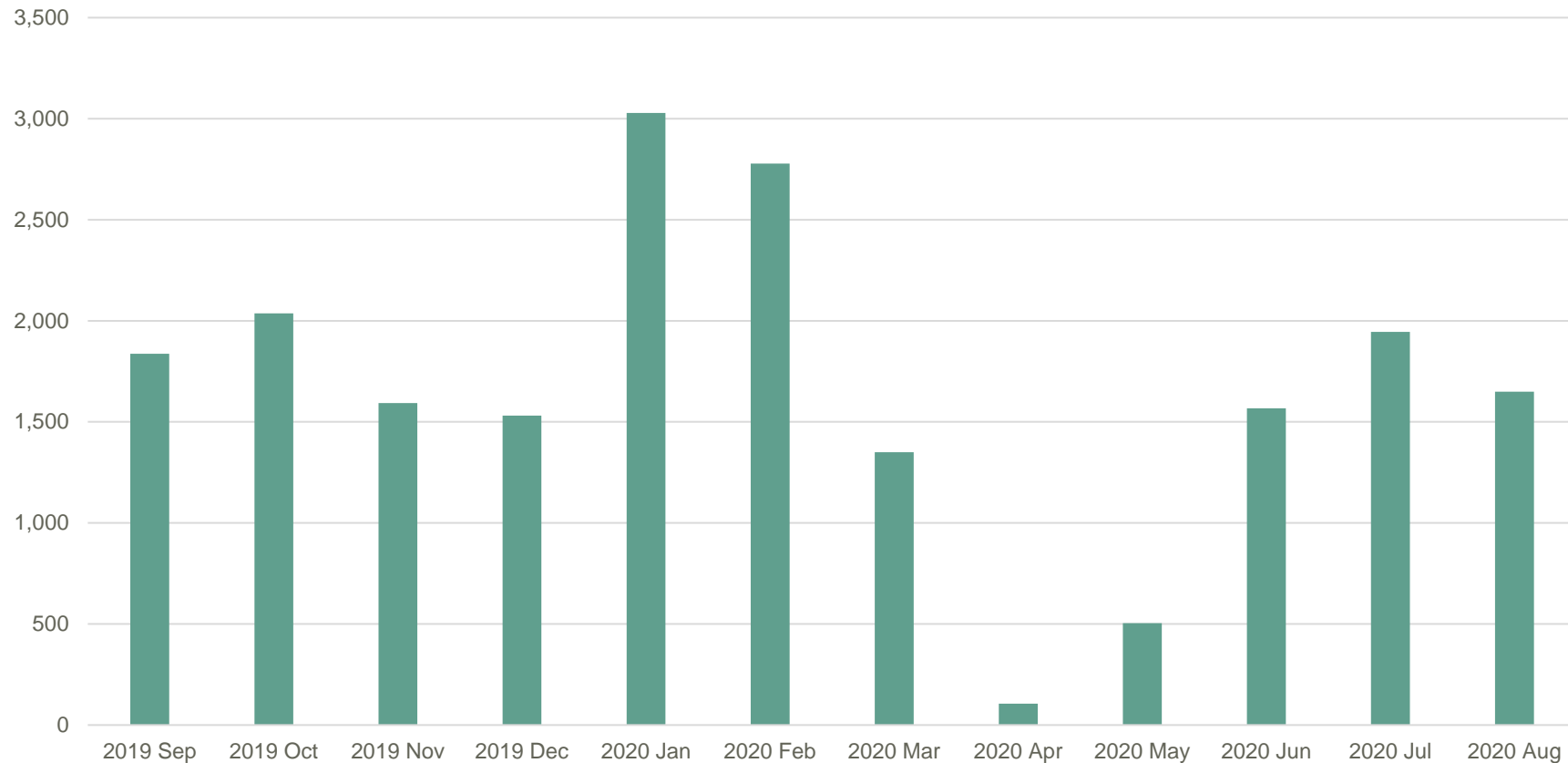
Meeting with DOE Environmental Management in Cincinnati/ICWUC Training Center tour, January 2020

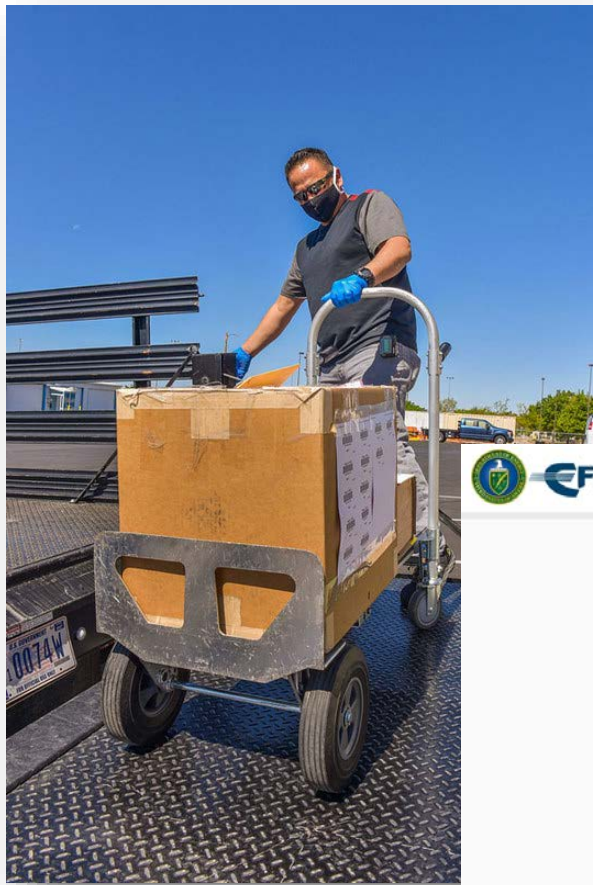


Labor Training Working Group meeting at Oak Ridge, April 2019

The total number of workers trained each month reflects the impact of COVID-19 and the timing of site closures and reopenings.

DOE Workers Trained Monthly, Sept. 1, 2018 - Aug. 31, 2019





The Work Continues On



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COVID-19 INFORMATION

EFCOG COVID-19 LESSONS LEARNED DISCUSSIONS

Please email staff@efcog.org with questions about these discussions.

FEBRUARY 11, 2021

OCTOBER 28, 2020

SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

AUGUST 20, 2020

EFCOG RETURN TO WORK PROTOCOL DOCUMENT

DOE COVID INFORMATION PAGE

DOE COVID-19 Workplace Safety Plan

NIH NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES COVID RESOURCES

STOP FEELING SICK?
STAY HOME WHEN YOU
ARE FEELING SICK

Each day prior to leaving for work, ask yourself if you have any of the following COVID-19 related symptoms:



Temperature of 100.4°F or greater



Cough



Shortness of Breath



Fatigue



Muscle Aches



New Loss of Taste or Smell



Sore Throat



Chills

If you have answered YES to any of these symptoms, please inform your supervisor, do not report to work and contact your personal physician.

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WORKING TOGETHER WE CAN SAVE LIVES

Key DOE Program Highlights

- Primary request from sites/contractors has been in-person training since summer 2020
 - Large backlog has kept grantees busy
 - Los Alamos National Lab (LANL) delivering virtual Refresher, others in development. Oakridge federal staff requested attending LANL courses.
- Chipping away at site/contractor connections
 - LANL has been the most active; SOP document drafted
 - Discussions with the Energy Facility Contractors Group (EFCOG): Joint website, COVID lessons learned/resources
 - Travel restrictions and contractor turnover hamper new training opportunities



8-Hour Hazardous Waste Worker Refresher Training

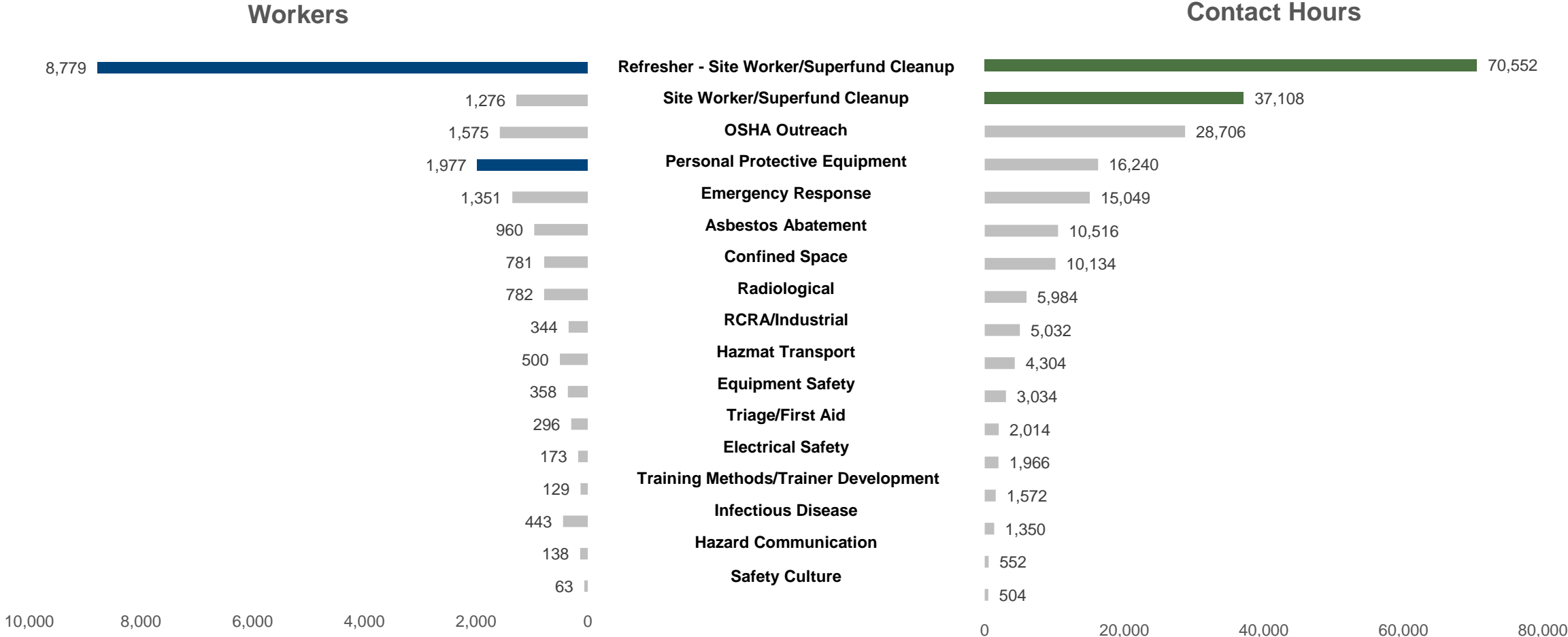
(Distance Learning)



Refresher courses remained high for workers and contact hours, as did the full site worker for contact hours.

PPE/Respiratory Protection classes were the second highest for workers trained, a large increase from prior years.

2020 Program Year (September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2019)



Evaluation, Communications, and Policy



Evaluation Community of Practice: Next call Monday, May 12, noon – 1:30PM EST

- Topic: Evaluation of COVID-19 Evaluation and Virtual Delivery Methods



State Profiles

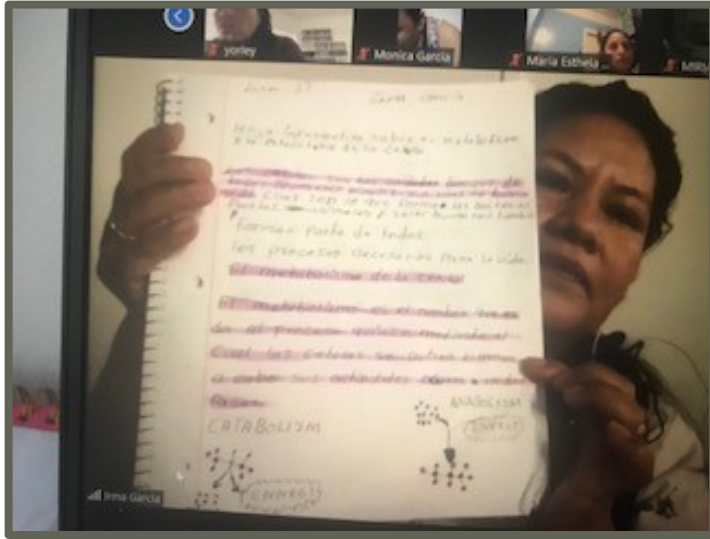
- Northern New England complete (ME, NH, VT)
- Oregon in development - Email me if you've done recent work virtually to Oregon workers, especially wildfire response



Hot topics for policy requests and communications

- COVID-19
- Climate change
- Environmental Justice
- Native Americans/Alaska Natives
- Workforce development and training

Thank you for new COVID-era photos!





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Data Management System: DMS

-  Please make sure you are entering your data on time
-  Please make sure the data you have entered is **ACCURATE**
-  Please make sure you have entered an appropriate justification for less than five or over 40 students

DMS Justifications for High or Low Student Class Size



Good Justifications


- The XXXXXX requests approval for this course. It was provided to workers at XXXXX. This course requires close monitoring, so the class size is limited. The instructor continued the course because the students needed the course for employment and the next available course was yet to be determined.
- Two participants deferred their registrations to 2021 as they did not want to join an in-person training at this point due to the pandemic. Class held in accordance with XXXXXX COVID-19 guidelines for small in-person training.
- Large class size had four instructors for 100 participants to cover the Zoom platform (instructor, chat, breakout rooms) for this awareness course.
- [PO Name] preapproved this larger emergency response course, coming from a request from XXXXX organization. 3 instructors were present for larger number of students.




Poor Justifications

- Four students attended
- Multiple instructors
- Needed for work

DMS

 **Reminder:** Projected data for the 2022 project year and your Initial 2021 Progress Report are not considered final until they are marked complete in the DMS. If you need assistance marking your data and progress reports complete, please contact Lynn Albert at albert2@niehs.nih.gov.

 **You asked and we listened!!** The bulk course record delete function is returning to the DMS! An email via the DMS-Users listserv will be sent out when the bulk delete feature is available in the DMS.

Not part of the DMS-Users listserv? Send an email to Lynn Albert to be added to the distribution list!



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Topics for Today

1. Training numbers and spending

2. Things you could be doing

3. Disaster response in COVID environment

4. Preparedness training for disasters

5. Local partnerships in prep for disasters