



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

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## Purpose of the Workshop

- Share strategies regarding mitigating occupational hazards related to climate change;
- Share case studies and approaches grantees have used; and provide an overview on how to conduct occupational climate vulnerability assessments.
- Attendees will leave the workshop with an increased familiarity of the many ways climate change impacts workers and an understanding of the content and approaches to best train workers, employers, and communities to prepare for and mitigate the hazards associated with climate change.



## Workshop Day 1 Agenda

- 1:00 p.m. Welcome
- 1:15 p.m. Icebreaker
- 1:30 p.m. Challenges of Climate Change for Workers and Communities
- 2:15 p.m. Break
- 2:30 p.m. Protecting the Health of All Americans in the Face of Climate Change: The New OCCHE

## Workshop Day 1 Agenda (Continued)

- 3:15 p.m.      Sharing Approaches to Address Climate Change Impacts on Workers and Communities
- 4:00 p.m.      Climate Impacts on Worker Health (Mini training sessions)
- 5:00 p.m.      Instructions for Day Two
- 5:15 p.m.      Adjourn

## Workshop Day 2 Agenda

- 1:00 p.m. Welcome Back
- 1:15 p.m. Climate Change: Unrecognized Exposures in the Post-Wildfire Environment
- 2:00 p.m. Break
- 2:15 p.m. A Tour of Flood Mitigation in Chicago: Addressing Infrastructure Needs for Worker Safety and Community Resilience

## Workshop Day 2 Agenda (Continued)

- 2:45 p.m.      Building Plans to Address Climate Change in the Workplace  
*Presentation, Breakouts, and Report Back*
- 4:15 p.m.      Closing Remarks



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# Climate Change: Are we making a difference in worker health?

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- Climate Change is a critical challenge and WTP has an important role to play to tackle the climate crisis.
- Every person we train, every booklet, training tool or curriculum we develop, revise or adapts matter.
- WTP trained workers have been called in to respond to many of the worst natural and manmade disasters in the U.S., including World Trade Centers , Hurricanes Katrina, Sandy, Harvey, Irma, Maria, and Florence, Deepwater Horizon Gulf Oil Spill, Ebola virus disease.
- Our partnerships and coalitions make us stronger and help to reach new workers.





## A National Resource in Climate Change-Related Events, Environmental Justice, and Health Emergencies

- **Tornados, Flooding, and Hurricanes:** Delivers disaster safety training to support cleanup efforts
- **Wildfires and Mudslides:** Trains workers on firefighting and wildfire-related hazards such as air quality and cleanup
- **Infectious Diseases:** Provides biosafety training for infectious disease events  
Including substantial COVID-19 training and resource development through regular funding and \$10 million from the Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020.

