

## Technical Workshop

March 8-9, 2006  
Birmingham, Alabama

### Agenda

Wednesday, March 8, 2006

- 7:30 a.m.      **Breakfast and Registration**      Birmingham Ballroom Pre-function Area
- 8:30 a.m.      **Call to Order, Introductory Comments and Welcome from our Host**      Birmingham Ballroom III  
**Joseph “Chip” Hughes**, Worker Education & Training Program, NIEHS and  
**Alan Veasey**, UAB Workplace Safety Training Program
- 9:00 a.m.      **Overview of Katrina Deployment to Date**  
**Joseph “Chip” Hughes** and **Jim Remington**, NIEHS
- 9:10 a.m.      **Panel 1, Lessons Learned in Mississippi**  
This panel will examine Mississippi as a model for implementing NIEHS WETP training following a disaster. Panelists will discuss the initial obstacles they faced and how obstacles have been overcome to provide training to federal workers and federal contractors in Mississippi.  
*Moderator:*    **Ted Outwater**, NIEHS  
*Panelists:*    **Mac Wimbish**, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
                      **Ellen Clas**, FEMA  
                      **Terry Jackson**, AshBritt  
                      **Carol Hanson**, HMTRI  
                      **Dan Snyder**, HMTRI
- 10:10 a.m.      **Break**
- 10:30 a.m.      **Panel 2, Lessons Learned in Louisiana**  
This session will look at the challenges faced in providing training to federal workers and federal contractors in Louisiana. This panel will demonstrate the differences in the way federal agencies operate within various states.  
*Moderator:*    **Jim Remington**, NIEHS  
*Panelists:*    **Skip Weisberg**, U.S. EPA  
                      **Jennifer Hornsby-Myers**, NIOSH  
                      **Don Ellenberger**, CPWR  
                      **David L. Moore**, U.S. EPA, Emergency Response Team

11:30 a.m. **Panel 3, Lessons Learned Working with Displaced Residents**

This session will explore how awardees are adapting their training for the unique needs of residents in the Gulf Coast. Panelists will talk about what they've learned in the time they've been on the ground and how to work in ever changing conditions. In addition, information will be shared regarding job training and brownfields efforts, sustainable partnerships, and other resources to consider.

*Moderators:* **Sharon Beard** and **Patricia Thompson**, NIEHS

*Panelists:* **Daisy Kathleen Curry**, J.D., U.S. EPA, Region 4

**Mark Holdbrooks**, OAI, Inc.

**Dr. Beverly Wright**, Deep South Center for Environmental Justice at Dillard University

12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

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1:30 p.m. **Panel 4, Lessons Learned from Partnerships in the Field**

Panelists will discuss their experiences working in the field interacting with community based organizations and other partners on efforts such as immigrant worker issues and incident command utilization.

*Moderators:* **Sharon Beard**, NIEHS and **Ken Oldfield**, UAB

*Panelists:* **Tomas Aguilar**, UCLA-LOSH

**April Sells**, Poarch Band of Creek Indians

**Hien Phan**, Boat People SOS

2:30 p.m. **Panel 5, Working with OSHA on Disaster Response**

Panelists will discuss the best way to maintain continuity in a long-term disaster response and ways to improve interagency communications.

*Moderator:* **Joseph "Chip" Hughes**, NIEHS

*Panelists:* **Cathy Cronin**, OSHA Training Institute

**John Ferris**, OSHA

**Ken Atha**, OSHA

3:10 p.m. **Charge to Breakouts**

**John Moran**, NIEHS Clearinghouse

3:20 p.m. **Break**

3:30 p.m.

## Breakout Sessions

### **NIEHS Training Support Annex/ESAP**

Medical Forum H

This breakout session will review how the Worker Education and Training Program, through its ESAP, relates to the overall National Response Plan. Participants will examine the current ESAP and see how it may be improved to accommodate the broadest array of incidents to which the program would be expected to respond. It will explore how to better incorporate WETP over the long-term prior to an activation.

*Facilitators:* **Joseph “Chip” Hughes**, NIEHS and **Craig Slatin**, New England Consortium

### **Training While in Disaster Mode vs. Pre-deployment Training**

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This breakout session will discuss what it means to provide training in disaster mode, for example developing shorter curricula on the ground, compared to pre-deployment training. It will examine important questions such as when is each form of training appropriate and how to know when and if to insist on moving from disaster mode to the comprehensive training awardees are used to providing.

*Facilitators:* **Jim Remington**, NIEHS and **Chris Trahan**, CPWR

### **Building Sustainable Partnerships for Disaster Response**

Medical Forum G

This breakout will discuss how to create sustainable partnerships with contractors and other organizations that will work during disaster response and also work for normal program activity.

*Facilitators:* **Ted Outwater**, NIEHS and **Doug Feil**, Kirkwood Community College

### **Job Training for Residents**

Medical Forum I

This breakout will focus on disaster specific curricula development and job training strategies for working with returning and displaced residents.

*Facilitators:* **Sharon Beard**, NIEHS and **Kizetta Vaughn**, CPWR

5:30 p.m.

## Break for the day

6:15 p.m.

## Bus Departs for Group Dinner at Jim N’ Nicks

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Thursday, March 9, 2006

- 7:30 a.m.      **Breakfast**      Birmingham Ballroom Pre-function Area
- 8:30 a.m.      **Report Back from Breakout Sessions**      Birmingham Ballroom III  
*Moderator:*    **Patricia Thompson**, NIEHS
- 9:30 a.m.      **Break**
- 9:45 a.m.      **Panel 6, Future Disaster Planning (All-Hazards) Panel**  
  
The session will explore the similar response needs when addressing emergencies such as the avian flu and the response and continuing work following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, for instance the need for early hazard assessment identification, and getting the threat information to first responders in a timely way.  
  
*Moderator:*    **Joseph “Chip” Hughes**, NIEHS  
*Panelists:*    **Ron Snyder**, HMTRI  
                     **Judy Reilly**, FEMA  
                     **Richard Sexton**, FEMA  
                     **Skip Weisberg**, U.S. EPA  
                     **John Ferris**, OSHA
- 11:15 a.m.     **Closing Remarks, Next Steps**  
  
                     **Joseph “Chip” Hughes**, NIEHS