Texas-Utah Consortium for Hazardous Waste Worker Training
Snapshot:

**HWWT TRAINING:**

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**Goal(s) of Evaluation:**
- To gauge how well instructors met stated learning objectives
- To assess relevancy of training to the participant needs
- To quantify the short-term impact of the course at the participant’s workplace, measured 3-6 months post-course
- To quantify the potential long-term impact of the course
- To solicit future training needs

**Evaluation tools:**
- Online course evaluations, provided at the end of each course.
- Online impact survey questionnaire, delivered 3-6 months post-course.

**Population Served:**
- Hazardous waste and emergency response workers in Public Health Regions 6 and 8: Texas, Utah, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, and South Dakota

**Types of Courses/Training Curricula Offered:**
- HAZWOPER supervisor, 40-hour, 24-hour and 8-hour refresher courses
- HAZWOPER Operations Level Emergency Response
- Leadership Development for Hazardous Materials Professionals (16-hour course)

**Trainers:**
- Faculty, staff, and contractors at the University of Texas and the University of Utah
- Certified instructors employed by local safety councils and institutes

**Proof of effectiveness/value?**
- According to an annual summary of our course evaluations, 89% of participants in year 1 and 82% in year 2 reported the HAZWOPER training “completely met their training requirements” and some trainees reported they discovered new job opportunities in HAZWOPER-related fields.
- **Positive Workplace Impact:** In the impact survey following the most recent Leadership Development course, 100% of respondents reported that the training positively influenced their workplace practices.

**Most beneficial aspects/well received methods:**
- Use of interactive methods and audience response systems
- Scenario simulations

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