

Pre-Conference Workshops

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Environmental Health Training in Emergency Response (EHTER) – Introductory Level

Thursday, Friday & Saturday, June 18-20, 8:00am – 5:00pm

Sponsored by DHS/FEMA and CDC/NCEH, the EHTER – Introductory Level course is a 24-hour (3-day) course that provides an overview of environmental health topics, issues, and challenges faced during emergency response. The purpose of the course is to increase the level of emergency preparedness of environmental health practitioners and other emergency response personnel by providing them with the necessary knowledge and skills to address the environmental health impacts of emergencies and disasters. Applicants are encouraged to complete basic NIMS/ICS trainings prior to attendance. This course will be held at the DHS/FEMA Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) in Anniston, AL. Transportation, lodging, and meals for this course are provided by DHS/FEMA to students from state and local jurisdictions at no cost to their agency. **DHS/FEMA will NOT provide logistical support or cover costs associated with attending the conference itself (e.g., registration, hotel lodging, meals, etc.).** Those attending the NEHA 73rd Annual AEC & Exhibition should visit <https://cdp.dhs.gov/schedules/program/s.html> for more details on this course and to register for it as a pre-conference workshop. (NOTE: Please click on the “Continue with LIMITED functionality” tab to proceed.) **When registering for this course, applicants should indicate whether or not they will be attending the conference by writing “ATTENDING CONFERENCE” or “NOT ATTENDING CONFERENCE” across the top of the Training Course Application form.** Registration for the course is available only through the above link. Please contact Christl Tate at ctate@neha.org for more information. There is no charge for this course. Deadline to submit an application is May 1, 2009. Limit 50 people.

Environmental Public Health Performance Standards Workshop: Building Local and National Excellence

Saturday, June 20, 8:30am – 4:30pm

The Environmental Public Health Performance Standards (EnvPHPS), built upon the 10 essential environmental health services, are viewed as the primary tool for strengthening the nation’s environmental public health infrastructure. Endorsed by several national agencies and professional associations, they are being used to build capacity, consistency, and accountability within and across the nation’s environmental public health system. Through this hands-on workshop, participants will have the early opportunity to pursue national excellence by implementing these standards at their own agencies. Attendees will learn about the standards and their application to day-to-day activities, complete the agency self-assessment instrument, identify their own agency capacity gaps, and learn about and share best practices aimed at improving program capacity. Participants will leave with an action plan to address gaps, and an ongoing evaluation plan. By participating, attendees will also be assisting with building an accurate picture of the nation’s environmental public health infrastructure, and providing information on how best to focus capacity-building resources. This workshop is sponsored by the Environmental Health Services Branch of CDC’s National Center for Environmental Health. Those interested in participating must submit an application for consideration. Applicants should be middle or senior level managers who are able to complete the assessment of their agencies in advance of the workshop, and implement follow-up improvements. *For more information and a workshop application, please contact Tom Dickey at tdickey@neha.org. There is no charge for this workshop. Deadline to submit an application is April 17, 2009. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance by April 29, 2009. Limit 20 people.*

Environmental Public Health Tracking Workshop

Saturday, June 20, 8:00 – 11:30am or 1:30 – 5:00pm

This is an introductory course, intended to train environmental health professionals in the basics of environmental public health tracking and informatics. Hands-on demonstration and use of computers and the showcased technology will be involved. This workshop will be held in two sessions, one in the morning (8:00 – 11:30am) and one in the afternoon (1:30 – 5:00pm). Attendees must choose **either** the morning or afternoon session to attend. *There is no charge for this workshop. For more information and to register for, please contact Tom Dickey at tdickey@neha.org.*

Guidance on Moisture and Mold: A Workshop for Environmental Health Professionals and Health Practitioners

Saturday, June 20, 8:00am – 5:00pm

Environmental health professionals and health providers are faced with a rapidly growing number of concerned individuals troubled by mold and moisture in their homes, schools, and work environments. Moisture and mold growing in these environments, and the potential consequence of exposure on health, pose complex concerns. The Center for Indoor Environments and Health at the University of Connecticut Health Center is pleased to offer this one-day, interactive workshop combining presentations and small group exercises to provide attendees with knowledge and tools to explore, respond to, intervene upon, and communicate about mold and moisture. Workshop segments will focus on the unique needs of health providers and environmental health professionals. All attendees will take part in a review of current information on health effects and exposure to mold and moisture, will be given guidance on how to evaluate environmental information, and will explore communication strategies. Specifically, environmental health professionals will acquire skills on how to assess and remediate environments. They will also learn about building science principles, moisture control strategies, and intervention approaches. Health providers will learn how to assess symptoms and illnesses that may have environmental components and learn how to use technical data and reports to evaluate their patients’ possible exposure to moisture and mold. *This educational activity qualifies for Continuing Medical Education (CME). There is no charge for this workshop. To register, please check the appropriate box on the registration form. Physicians please also refer to the workshop program and complete the registration at <http://oehc.uchc.edu/CIEH.asp>. Limit 60 people.*

NSF Plan Review Survey Course / Saturday, June 20, 8:30am – 5:00pm

The National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) Plan Review Survey Course for food service and retail food is designed to provide environmental health professionals with an understanding of the components and process of plan review. It is based on the current version of the FDA *Model Food Code* and the CFP/FDA *Blue Book*. The course covers the application process; menu review; site, mechanical, and structural systems utilities layout; and equipment specifications. It includes sections on water and wastewater, storage, refrigeration, cooking, dishwashing, and installation of equipment. *Cost is \$109 for members and \$159 for nonmembers if you sign up by June 8, 2009. Limit 50 people.*

Train-the-Trainer Workshop: Presentation Skills for Food Safety Educators

Saturday, June 20, 8:00am – 5:00pm

For the individual who is interested in teaching a nationally recognized food safety certification course, knowledge of the subject matter is only the first step. Effective, persuasive, and inspiring trainer skills are essential. It is vital to involve the audience in order for them to remember and act upon key information. In essence, the trainer should inspire individual behavior change. This full-day, participant focused workshop provides a variety of training essentials to add energy and emphasis to fundamental food safety messages. The intended outcome is to provide participants with new trainer skills, enthusiasm, and confidence as a food safety educator. *Cost is \$109 for members and \$159 for nonmembers if you sign up by June 8, 2009. Limit 25 people.*

HACCP Manager Certification Course / Saturday, June 20, 8:00am – 5:00pm

Managing food safety risks in a foodservice setting has never been more important. With foodborne illness outbreaks occurring weekly in the United States, retail operations need to protect their liability and livelihood by implementing food safety management plans to reduce the risk in becoming involved in a foodborne illness outbreak. The HACCP Manager Certification Course is designed for NEHA trainers, students, and current foodservice professionals working in retail foodservice operations which include: restaurants, hotels, schools, grocery stores, corporate dining operations, hospitals, retirement living facilities, senior feeding, caterers, cruise ship dining, and any individual who provides food safety management oversight in a foodservice operation. This course will provide participants with the information necessary to implement an effective and dynamic food safety management system in a retail foodservice operation. The course will teach students how to identify, assess, and reduce or eliminate food safety risks by utilizing the *Process Approach To HACCP*. Students will take a nationally recognized HACCP Manager Certification Exam at the end of the course. *Cost is \$199 for members and \$249 for nonmembers if you sign up by June 8, 2009. Limit 50 people.*