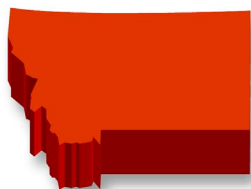


Worker Education and Training Program

Recent Safety and Health Training Activities in Montana



A national program, the major objective of the NIEHS Worker Education and Training Program (NIEHS WETP) is to prevent work related harm by assisting in the training of workers in

how best to protect themselves and their communities from exposure to hazardous materials encountered during hazardous waste operations, hazardous materials transportation, environmental restoration of contaminated facilities or chemical emergency response.

In the State of Montana, NIEHS WETP awardees conduct a modest amount of training under the Hazardous Waste Worker Training Program.

During the past five years (8/1/2006-7/1/2011), NIEHS awardees have conducted 220 classes for 3132 students providing 41,654 contact hours of training. The bulk of this training was provided by the International Union of Operating Engineers and the Community College Consortium for Health and Safety Training through Montana State University. Other awardees providing training included the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Laborers International Union of North America, CLEAR's Workplace Safety Training Program at Jefferson State Community College (JSCC), and the United Steel Workers.

The classes were primarily focused on basic NIEHS WETP core programs: Superfund Basic Site Worker and Annual Refreshers, Emergency Chemical Response including responding to Meth Lab cleanups. Other courses included mine safety refresher training and general construction safety.



Photograph by JSCC: Small group activity during Clandestine Drug Lab training for members of the Crow Nation conducted by CLEAR's Workplace Safety Training Program at Jefferson State Community College.

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