



Brownfields Job Training

Professional Learning Community

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Agenda

1. Introductions (2 min)
2. Announcements (3 min)
3. Learning Topic: Emerging Trends with the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) (10 min)
4. Breakout Rooms & Discussion (40 min)
5. Closing (5 min)



Introductions

Brownfields Job Training Support

The U.S. EPA Brownfields and Land Revitalization Program can provide coordinated technical assistance to help plan, prepare, and strengthen local Brownfields Job Training (BFJT) programs. The three complementary support channels described below can help guide an organization from pre-application through program design and capacity building. For more information on the U.S. EPA Brownfields and Land Revitalization Program, visit: www.epa.gov/brownfields

EPA Regional Coordinators

Explain rules, requirements, compliance, and official guidance, including:

- Confirm eligibility or application requirements.
- Clarify grant conditions, deadlines, threshold items, or allowable costs.
- Address reporting and compliance issues.
- Understand regional funding priorities or opportunities.



Regional Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Providers

Share perspectives on brownfields, job training connections and application support, including:

- Guidance on navigating the application process.
- Review of draft applications.
- Review training course descriptions.
- General questions about brownfields in your region.
- Connections to regional resources or partners.



BFJT Technical Assistance

Build capacity for program design, implementation and best practices, including:

- Curriculum planning.
- Employer engagement and partnership development.
- Tracking outcomes, data collection, and performance metrics.
- Program Sustainability planning.
- Access to tools, templates.
- Individualized 1-on-1 consultations for tailored support.

Note: Assistance related to implementation support is not available to applying entities during an open Notice of Funding Opportunity.





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Additional Resources

Find the **latest Brownfields Job Training** news and resources at:

www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-job-training-grants

- **Best Practices Guide:**
<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-job-training-best-practices-guide>
- **Participant Tracking Workbook:**
<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-job-training-grant-program-participant-tracking-workbook>
- **Webinar Recordings:**
<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-job-training-grants-webinars>
- **Professional Learning Community Call Recordings:**
<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-job-training-grants-professional-learning-community>



Connect with Us!

- To **receive program updates**, send your contact information to:
brownfieldsjobtraining@adaapta.com
- **Submit an inquiry** for technical assistance at
www.epa.gov/brownfields/forms/brownfields-job-training-program-technical-assistance-inquiry-form
- Find your **EPA Regional Coordinator** at:
<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-job-training-program-contacts>
- Find your **Technical Assistance to Brownfields Program** at:
<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/technical-assistance>



Inquiry Form



Announcements



Upcoming Brownfields Job Training FY2027 Grant Opportunity

- Grant awards anticipated: **\$300,000 for 3 years**
- Total funding anticipated: \$5,000,000 – \$6,000,000
- Anticipated threshold criteria:
 - Applicants awarded Brownfields Job Training Grant in FY26 are not eligible to apply
 - Current grantees must have drawn down at least 50% of funding for each cooperative agreement by 7/1/26 to apply
- More information anticipated **early Summer 2026**



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Organizational Readiness



*****Note: Registration can take several weeks; early preparation is essential.**

2026 Brownfields Job Training All-Grantee Meeting

- October 7-8, 2026 in New Orleans, LA - **Register by September 4**
- **Who:**
 - Current Brownfields Job Training grantees
 - Prospective, eligible applicants
 - Up to 2 representatives per organization
- **Cost:**
 - No registration fee
 - Travel and lodging costs are the responsibility of participants
 - Allowable grant expense if in approved work plan
 - If not included, contact your EPA Project Officer
- **Lodging:**
 - Room block available at government per diem rates
 - Available nights: October 6–7, 2026



**Register & Book
Lodging Here!**

Recent Technical Assistance to Brownfields Webinar Recording Available

 **WEBINAR**

Blueprint for Success: Crafting Compelling Brownfields Job Training Grant Applications

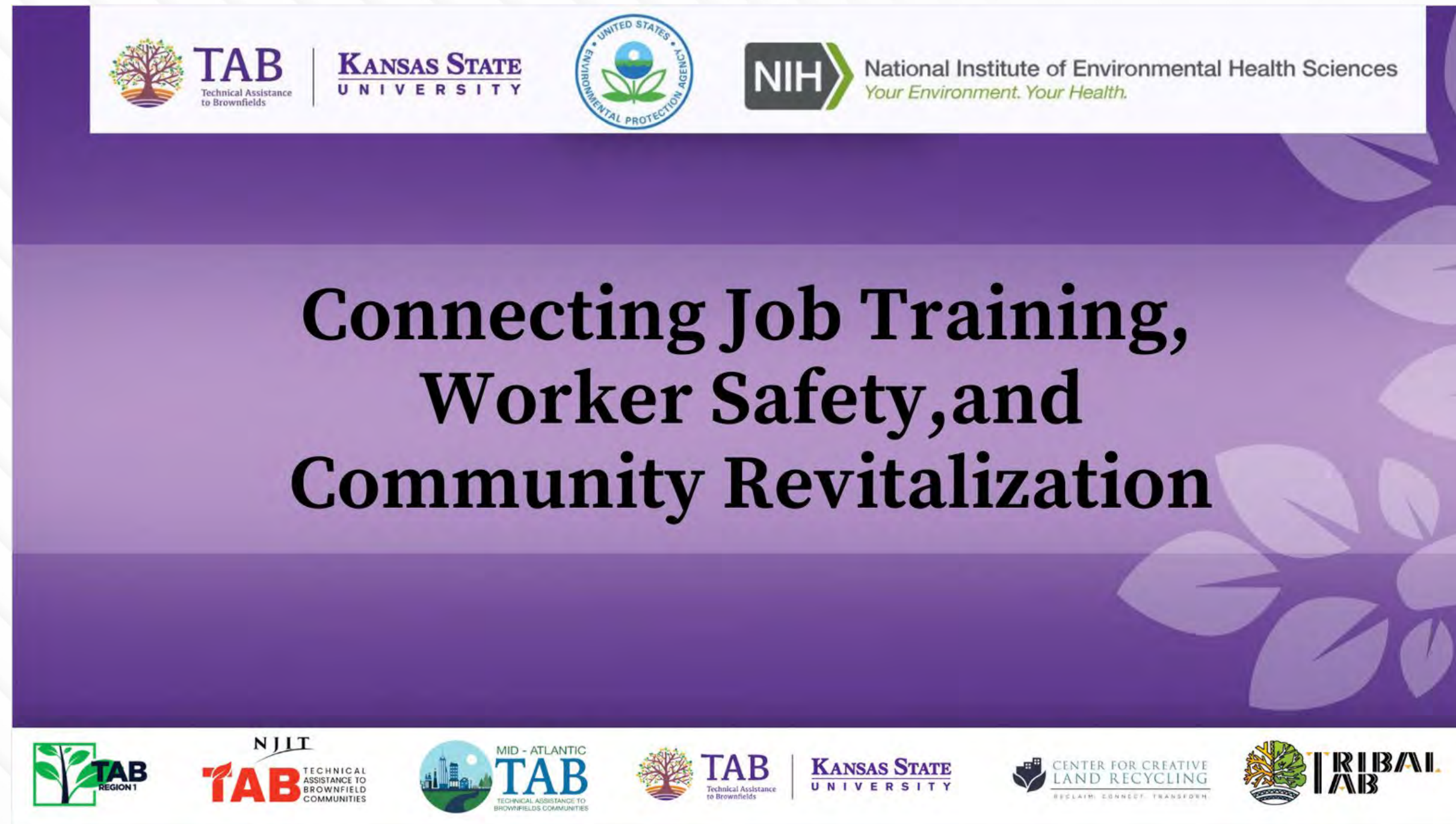
May, 5th 2:30pm ET on Zoom



**View the Recording
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June National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences & Brownfields Job Training Program Webinar



The banner features a purple background with a subtle leaf pattern on the right side. At the top, a white bar contains logos for TAB (Technical Assistance to Brownfields), Kansas State University, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and the NIH (National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences) with the tagline "Your Environment. Your Health." The central text, in a large, bold, black serif font, reads "Connecting Job Training, Worker Safety, and Community Revitalization". The bottom of the banner contains a row of logos for NJIT, TAB Region 1, Mid-Atlantic TAB, TAB, Kansas State University, the Center for Creative Land Recycling, and Tribal TAB.

TAB Technical Assistance to Brownfields

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

UNITED STATES • AGENCY
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

NIH National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
Your Environment. Your Health.

**Connecting Job Training,
Worker Safety, and
Community Revitalization**

TAB REGION 1

NJIT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO BROWNFIELD COMMUNITIES

MID-ATLANTIC TAB TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO BROWNFIELD COMMUNITIES

TAB Technical Assistance to Brownfields

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

CENTER FOR CREATIVE LAND RECYCLING
RECLAIM. CONNECT. TRANSFORM.

TRIBAL TAB



**Recording & Slides
Available Here**

Learning Topic: Emerging Trends with the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)





National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences
Your Environment. Your Health.

NIEHS Worker Training Program (WTP)

Sharon D. Beard, Director, NIEHS WTP
Emerging Trends Discussion



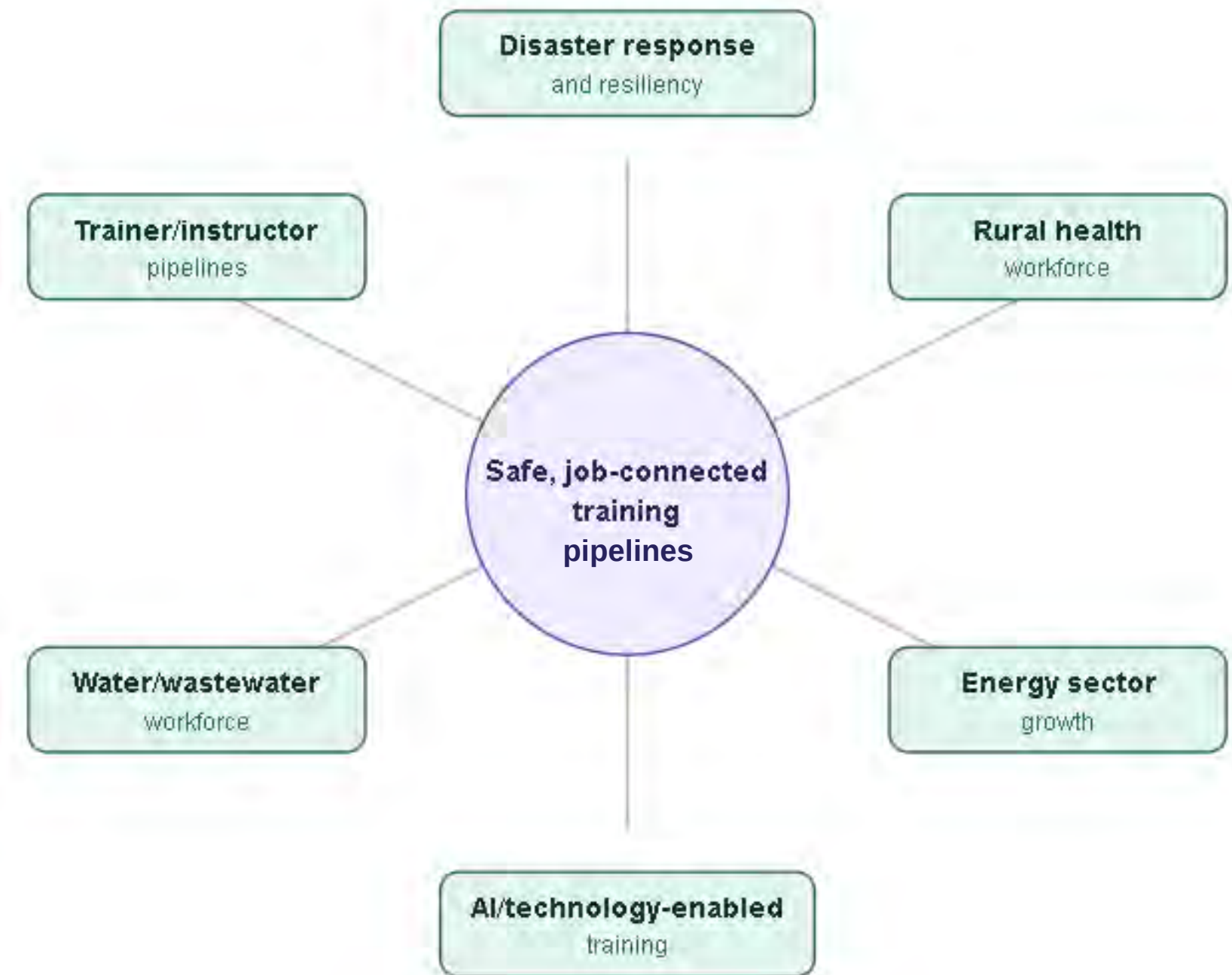
NIEHS Worker Training Program Overview

- Established through **Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act** of 1986.
- **Funds organizations (award recipients) that deliver health and safety training for workers** who face risk of exposure to physical, chemical, radiological, and biological hazards.
- **More than 5.2 million workers** trained overall since inception.
- **NIEHS Environmental Career Worker Training** is one of several focus areas.



Emerging Workforce Development Trends: Where Programs and Partners Can Connect

- The NIEHS Worker Training Program's core role remains worker safety and health training for people who may face physical, chemical, radiological, biological, disaster-related, and psychological hazards.
- EPA's Brownfields Job Training Program remains true to its mission to help communities impacted by brownfield sites—properties complicated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants—develop a skilled local workforce to support site cleanup and redevelopment



Emerging Trends Discussion Items

Trend	Key Takeaways
Disaster Response/ Resiliency	Build local recovery capacity before the next disaster.
Rural Health Workforce	Rural workforce training is public health infrastructure.
Energy Sector Growth	Energy jobs need safety-forward apprenticeship pipelines.
AI/ Technology-Enabled Training	Option 1: AI can expand training—but requires safeguards and worker voice. Option 2: AI is transforming both the way we train workers—and the workplaces where they work.
Water/ Wastewater Workforce	Infrastructure investment needs skilled, safety-trained local workers.
Trainer/ Instructor Pipelines	No workforce pipeline scales without a trainer pipeline.

Disaster Recovery Requires a Ready, Safety-Trained Local Workforce

- The NIEHS Worker Training Program's disaster role is strongest when framed around **mitigation, pre-planning, recovery, and worker/community safety**, with clear materials that help communities respond more effectively.
- Many skills that EPA Brownfields Job Training grantees teach, HAZWOPER, environmental sampling, remediation support, are applicable during disaster recovery and redevelopment activities.
- Recent NIEHS Worker Training Program discussions identified wildfires, flooding, behavioral/mental health, and rural/Tribal community capacity as continuing priorities.
- A recent/concrete example. Zender Environmental, a partner of the Worker Training Program-funded Western Region Universities Consortium, has been focused on training in remote Alaska after Typhoon Halong, including hazardous site worker awareness, HAZWOPER training, and Personal Protective Equipment for cleanup workers.

Energy Growth Creates Jobs—And New Safety Training Demands

- Several ongoing workforce development models at Department of Energy sites. **Clean Energy, Small Modular Reactors, and Data Centers specifically Oak Ridge and Paducah/Portsmouth**—are relevant examples for workforce development and skilled trades.
- Staff turnover at the Department of Energy is a continual challenge especially contractor/subcontractors.
- The Worker Training Program is focused on health and safety at Department of Energy facilities, and strengthening collaborations with the department's leadership, offices, organizations, National Training Center, and related entities.
- During the Worker Training Program Winter 2026 workshop & National Cleanup Conferences, several speakers discussed apprenticeships, pre-apprenticeships, and technical training programs as pathways for energy sector and skilled trades/technician, including wind/solar, nuclear energy, and construction/infrastructure roles through partners such as the Laborers' International Union of North American Training and Education Fund and United Steelworkers.

Breakout Discussions



Breakout Room 1: Designing Training Programs that Lead to Job Placement

Breakout Room 2: Building Trainer Capacity and Partner Networks

Breakout Room 3: Leveraging the Worker Training Program, Brownfields Job Training Program, and Technical Assistance Resources Without Duplication