

Minimum Criteria Document as a Valuable Tool

Workplace Safety Training Program's Use of the MCD
For Stability During Transitions

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Workplace Safety Training Program

- University of Alabama at Birmingham (1988-2009)
 - Program developed in 1988 at Center for Labor Education and Research as original grantee of NIEHS Worker Education and Training Program
- Jefferson State Community College (2009-2011)
 - CLEAR and WST moved at UAB's request
 - CLEAR lost legislative funding after 45 years of serving the labor community
- Alabama Fire College (2011-Present)
 - Allan Rice, AFC Executive Director, recognized valuable training program and brought WST into AFC



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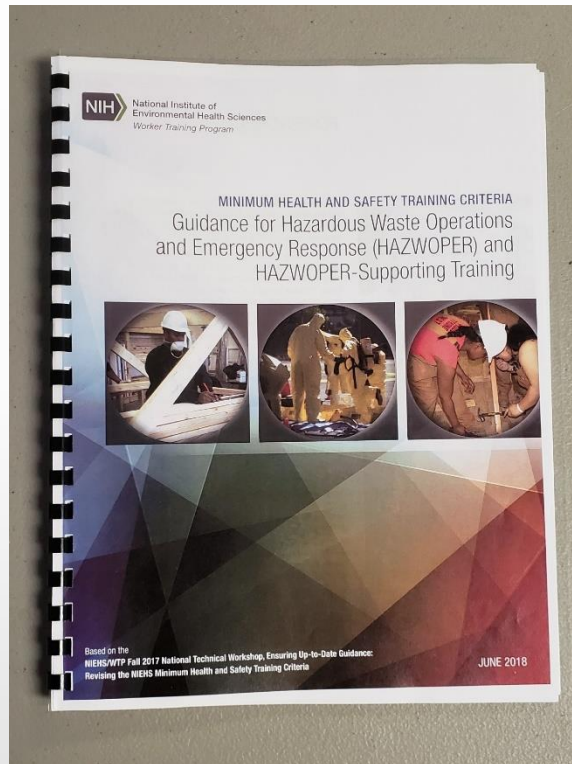


Three Different Environments, One Program

- Major University
 - Major focus on academic credit production and research programs drove the organization and structure of schools, departments and centers
 - Extensive experience and resources for grant administration and support
- Community College
 - Academic credit production and adult continuing education
 - Local, academic education structure
- State Fire Training Academy
 - Hands-on training not structured in semesters, but in days and weeks
 - Comfortable with on campus and remote training



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- Product of collaboration of grantees at NIEHS workshops in 1990, 1994, 2005, and 2017
- Organically grown from diverse experiences in training centered on one topic – OSHA’s Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response Standard (HAZWOPER) and supporting training
- Grantees must evaluate our programs by this standard each year



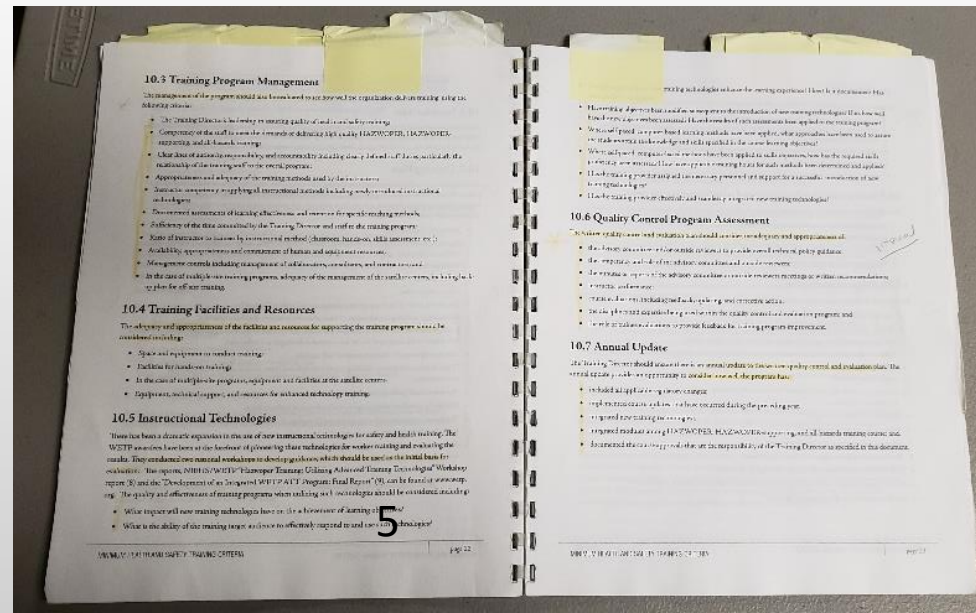
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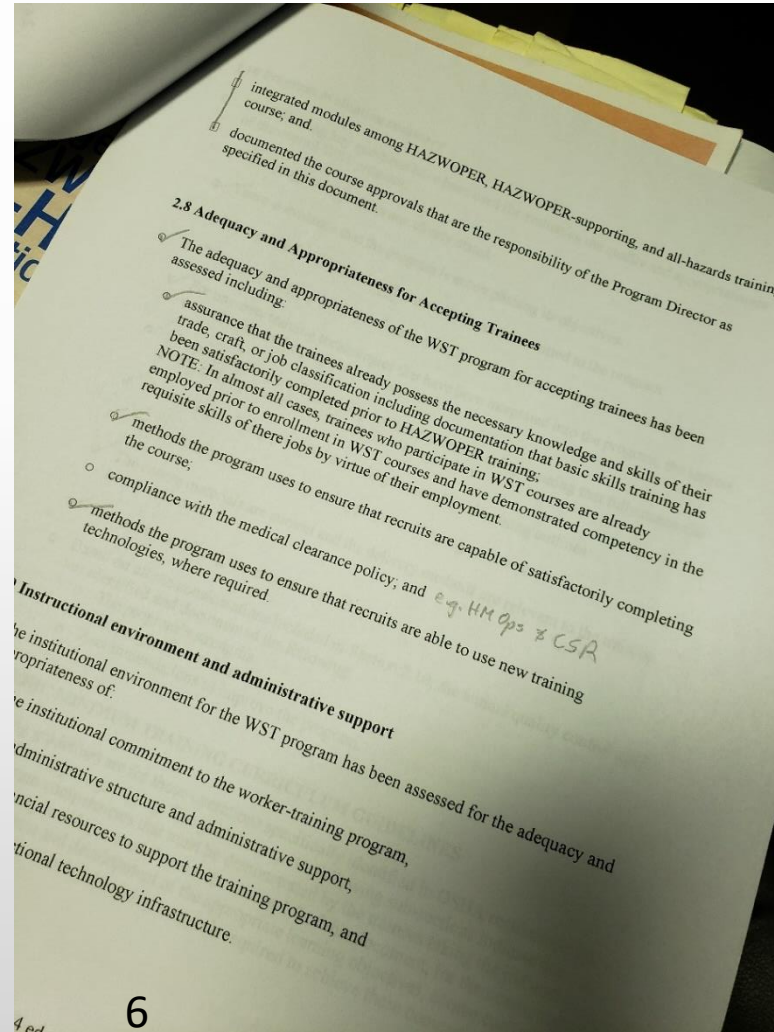
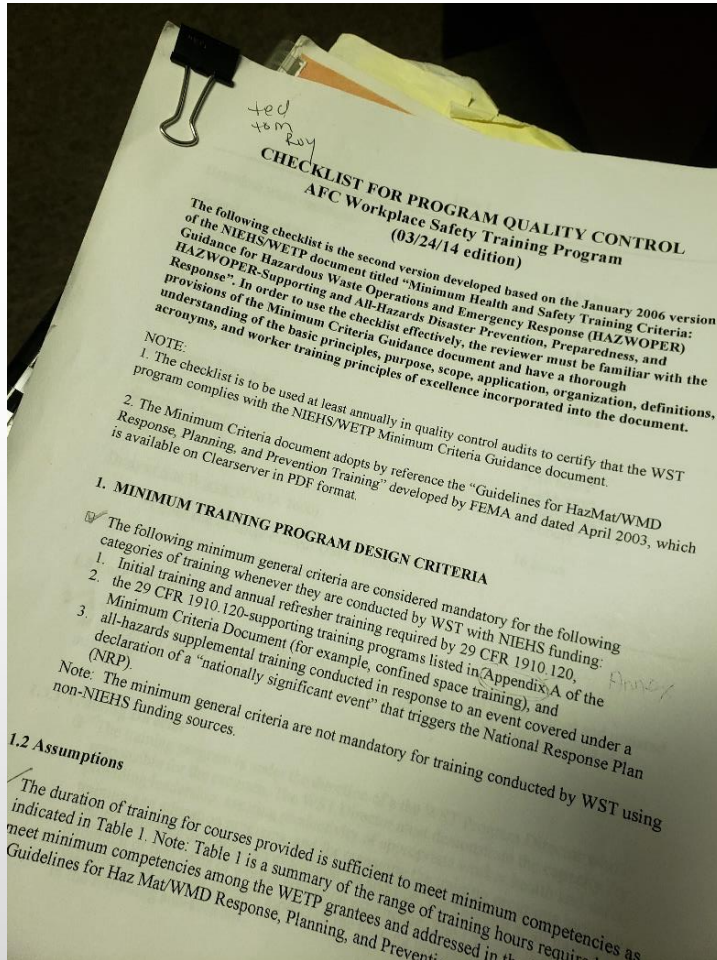
- Alan Veasey, former PI/PD
- Pulled action items from the version of MCD resulting from the 2005 workshop and organized those items into a lengthy but useful checklist
- Checklist is used each year to assess compliance of the program
- The checklist has been revised each time WST moved to a new institution
- WST currently revising checklist to meet the MCD from 2017 workshop



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Checklist from MCD



Specific Value of MCD in WST's Journey

- Consistent structure in different institutional environments that resulted in 2 successful Change of Institutions and 6 competitive reapplications
- Cohesion and organizational framework within each kind of institution
- Support in discussions about for staffing and other quality issues at each institution
- Benchmark of quality for the administration of the WST Program

