



Disaster Preparedness Training

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Who is TNEC – CSEA?

- The New England Consortium – worker health & safety training since 1987
- Partnership of UMass Lowell, 4 New England COSHes (coalitions/councils for occupational safety and health), Civil Service Employees Association (AFSCME Local 1000, NY State)
- Training in HazMat operations, Emergency Response, Disaster Preparedness, general health and safety, infectious disease
- Disaster Preparedness trainings since 2015: municipalities, state agencies, community organizations, immigrant workers
- Funded by grants from the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Worker Training Program (NIEHS-WTP)

Disaster Preparedness Partnerships



- Disaster preparedness in underserved communities
- MassCOSH (Mass. Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health)
- Lowell Community Health Center
- Coalition for a Better Acre



TNEC Disaster Preparedness Courses

- OSHA Disaster Site Worker – 7.5-hour
- Disaster Preparedness – 3-hour
- Respiratory Protection – 3-hour
- Muck and Gut – 3-hour
- Keeping Yourself Safe After a Disaster – 3-hour
- Organizations:
 - Municipal DPW, health departments
 - Community organizations
 - State agencies



OSHA Disaster Site Worker 7.5-hour (OSHA 7600)

- Virtual or in-person
- For individuals providing skilled support services in disaster site clean-up
- Responsibilities
- Safety Hazards and CBRNE agents
- Traumatic Incident Stress Awareness
- PPE/Respiratory Protection
- Decontamination
- Incident Command System



Disaster Preparedness – 3-hour

- Virtual or In-Person
- Preparing for disasters and actions to aid recovery
- Individual, family, community, workplace actions
- Tools and resources to prepare for any disaster
- Staying safe during “mucking and gutting”
- Respiratory protection
- Keeping safe during clean-up
- For municipal and community organizations and businesses



“Mucking and Gutting” Safely – 3-hour

- Virtual or In-Person
- Safety for community members, workers, and volunteers
- Preparing workers and community to recognize and address hazards while mucking and gutting buildings
- Keeping safe while being exposed to hazards
- Avoiding injuries, illnesses, trauma



Respiratory Protection – 3-hour

- Virtual of In-Person
- Focus on respiratory hazards present during post-storm clean-up
- How to work safely using respirators in post-storm clean-up environment.
- For workers, community members, volunteers engaged in recovery, clean-up operations



Keeping Yourself Safe During Clean-Up – 3-hour

- Virtual and In-Person
- Pre-incident training for workers and community members
- Differences between disaster sites and construction/demolition sites
- Focus on spills and leaks, debris, unstable working surfaces, electrical lines, etc.
- How to identify and control hazards while responding to and cleaning after storms and other disasters



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