Integrated Approach to Health, Safety and Security
Labor Union and Stakeholder Outreach and Collaboration

USW Health, Safety and Environment Conference
HSS Workshop
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October 2006: Secretary created the Office of Health, Safety and Security (HSS)

- To provide an integrated DOE-HQ-level function for health, safety and security

- Establishes centralized corporate responsibility

- Advises the Office of the Secretary on all matters related to health, safety and security across the complex

- Serves as the Departmental Representative to the DNFSB
HSS Major Roles

- Policy development
- Technical assistance
- Education and training
- Independent oversight and enforcement
- Outreach and collaboration
Health, Safety and Security
Snapshot of Health & Safety Initiatives

- DOE Safety and Security Reform
- Safety Culture Improvements
- Oversight – Prioritization of assessment based on risk & performance issues
- Worker Health and Safety – 851 Implementation; Former Worker Program
- Corporate Analysis – Safety Performance, ORPS/CAIRS; Best Practices, Lessons Learned
- DOE National Training Center – Collaborative worker safety and health training; Work with NIEHS and HAMMER; More info on NTC training portability website: [http://ntc.doe.gov/safport/](http://ntc.doe.gov/safport/)
- HSS Focus Group – Collaborative worker health and safety communications and improvement efforts
"It is imperative that we communicate and establish relationships with those elements that train, manage and represent our workforce to improve the safety culture at DOE sites."

Glenn S. Podonsky
Chief Health, Safety and Security Officer
February 2007: HSS Focus Group established
Forum for communications with those that manage, train and represent workers

March 2007: Focus Group invitations sent to:
- Union Leaders
- Program Secretarial Offices
- Contractors
- DOE Stakeholders
- Field/Site Offices

Through Present: Focus Group Development
- Ongoing key worker health, safety and security improvement areas identified
- Collaborative path forward goals and activities developed to address concerns
Active HSS Focus Group Unions/Stakeholders
HSS Focus Group
Key Accomplishments

- HSS/NIEHS MOU – to support collaborative work to promote health and safety training/education at DOE sites

- Developed a Union information book, *Active Labor Unions Interfacing with DOE*, that was provided to the new Administration (Secretary Chu)

- Open lines of communication/facilitate DOE/Union dialogue with DOE senior leadership

- Continue to address worker health and safety improvements through collaborative Work Groups
HSS Focus Groups
Work Groups

- **851 Work Group**
  - Leads: Pat Worthington/Doug Stephens (USW)

- **Strategic Initiatives Work Group**
  - Leads: Pat Worthington/Bill Roege and Jim Frederick (USW)

- **Training Work Group**
  - Leads: NTC/Pete Stafford [Building and Construction Trades Department Center for Construction Research and Technology]

- **Workforce Skills Retention Work Group**
  - Leads: Mike Ardaiz (HSS Chief Medical Officer)/James Ridley (International Association of Fire Fighters)
More Information

HSS Website:
http://www.hss.energy.gov

HSS Outreach Website:
http://www.hssoutreach.doe.gov

NTC Safety Portability Website:
http://ntc.doe.gov/safport