

State of New York/ Public Employees Federation  
**Joint Labor–Management Committees**  
**Statewide health & Safety Committee**

**To:** Agency Level Health & Safety Chairs and Management Health & Safety Reps

**Date:** 01/19/2012

**Re: Register for “Asbestos, Contaminants and Other Indoor Environmental Issues – Getting Results” Training Programs, Scheduled for:**

**April 3, 2012 in Binghamton NY;**

**April 20, 2012 in Albany NY;**

**May 9, 2012 in NYC;**

**May 22, 2012 in Rochester, NY**

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The State of New York/ Public Employees Federation (PEF) Statewide Health & Safety Committee is offering four [4] one-day training programs entitled “*Asbestos, Contaminants and Other Indoor Environmental Issues – Getting Results*”. The programs will be held on April 3, 2012 in Binghamton, NY; April 20, 2012 in Albany NY; May 9, 2012 in New York City, and May 22, 2012 in Rochester, NY.

Union leaders and agency managers are routinely contacted by state employees regarding concerns caused by indoor environmental contaminants, including asbestos, common chemicals, paint or renovation materials and others, and their impact on indoor air quality (IAQ). The statewide Health & Safety Committee recognizes the importance of providing training to management officials, union representatives, and building personnel. Understanding strategies for preventing and responding to IAQ problems caused by indoor environmental contaminants will help preserve workplace safety and health, and avoid disruptions to operations.

The program is open to all Labor and Management Chairs of the Agency and Local Level Health and Safety Committees (or their designees) as well as building managers, supervisors and other personnel who routinely deal with facility management issues. Each Agency and Local health and safety committee is invited to send up to three (3) additional representatives to the program. Selection of these additional participants shall be done by joint consultation between the labor and management chairs of the agency health and safety committees.

The program will be conducted by the PEF Health & Safety Department and John Van Raalte, an Industrial Hygienist and Director of Industrial Hygiene Services for the Occupational and Environmental Health Center of Eastern NY. John has done extensive work in evaluating and responding to IAQ issues for state agencies and unions.

Participants will learn the following:

- Introduction to indoor air quality and contamination problems;
- Typical contaminants found in indoor environments and how they can be controlled;
- Health effects of asbestos and other IEQ contaminants;

- Prevention and remediation techniques; Communications and the role of OGS landlords, construction site managers, and health and safety committees in leased and state owned buildings;
- Available resources

Subject to operating needs, agencies may provide one [1] day of release time for the selected training day without charge to leave credits for designated employees to attend the program.

Please note that payment of mileage reimbursement and other related travel costs for training attendees is subject to state and agency policies regarding travel expenditures. Any policies requiring pre-approval for such expenses must be followed.

The program is partially funded by PEF's NYS Department of Labor Occupational Safety & Health Training Grant and the State of New York.

There are a limited number of spaces available for this valuable program. We expect the limited seats to fill up very quickly and encourage Co-Chairs of the agency and local level committees to identify and register participants as soon as possible. A registration form for the program is enclosed.

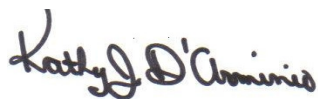
Fax your registration form to: Crystal Bruno or Jenna Laboda at (518) 250-7839, e-mail to: [kwillbrant@pef.org](mailto:kwillbrant@pef.org) , or mail to:

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All registrants will receive a confirmation letter that will include directions for the program locations.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Kathy D'Arminio at (518) 257-6983 or [kdarminio@pef.org](mailto:kdarminio@pef.org), Larry Enoch of the Governor's Office of employee Relations (GOER) at (518) 474-0568 or [lenoch@goer.state.ny.us](mailto:lenoch@goer.state.ny.us).

Sincerely,



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