

ENSURING THAT GREEN JOBS ARE GOOD JOBS

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ABSTRACT

A priority of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences' (NIEHS's) Worker Education and Training Program (WETP) is to make sure that green jobs are good jobs: they must be safe jobs and must include strong safety training programs. The Laborers AGC Education and Training Fund (LAGC) of the Laborers International Union of North America has been a grantee of the WETP for years and has developed hands-on, peer-focused, state-of-the-art health and safety training for laborers in the environmental

remediation field. NIEHS has worked with union President Terence O'Sullivan and the LAGC to train workers engaged in freeing our communities from the extensive legacy of industrial pollution.