BIOLOGY AND CONTROL OF INSECTS AND RODENTS

What?

NEHA, in collaboration with the Environmental Health Services Branch of CDC's National Center for Environmental Health, is pleased to announce the exclusive availability of this free, first-come/first-serve two-day workshop entitled "Biology and Control of Insects and Rodents". This training will take place June 20-21, 2008 as a pre-conference workshop to NEHA's Annual Educational Conference in Tucson, Arizona. Fifty environmental health professionals will be chosen to attend this cooperative workshop training which will include classroom lecture and group discussion on the biology of insects and rodents of public health significance; effective physical and chemical insect and rodent control methods (including integrated pest and sanitation management); and insect and rodent-borne diseases of public health significance, including possible bioterror agents.

The goal of this training is for environmental health professionals to gain understanding and competence necessary to become effective in the identification, biology and control of insects and rodents.

Subject matter topics will include, but not be limited to: biology and identification of vectors, vector-borne disease of public health importance, integrated pest management (IPM), urban rat control, developing strategic partners in rodent control, mosquito control, lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases, health effects of pesticides, pesticide resistance, vector-borne diseases as bio-terror agents, vector control in the built environment, and miscellaneous pest insects.

When?

June 20-21, 2008. Friday, June 20th 8:00am to 5:00pm and Saturday, June 21st 8:00 to 5:00pm

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Why?

At the end of this training, the environmental health professional will understand the biology of insects and rodents, be familiar with zoonotic diseases of insects and rodents, and how they are transmitted to humans, conduct surveys to identify type of pest infestation and environmental deficiencies, understand the importance of IPM and how to implement IPM in their community. The environmental health professional will also be able to recommend specific interventions to reduce, eliminate and prevent insect or rodent infestations that negatively impact public health and will be familiar with appropriate resource materials which will assist in the identification, biology and control of insects and rodents of public health importance.

Who Should Apply?

Environmental Health Professionals with a genuine interest in expanding their knowledge and commitment to insect and rodent control. These individuals should be prepared to serve as resources for insect and rodent control in their area and develop potential action items as follow-up to this course.

How to Apply?

Letters of intent not to exceed 2 pages in length are NOW BEING ACCEPTED until the class is full**.** Reserve your seat today!

Participants will be notified of their selection status following submittal.

Letters must include:

- Name, position title, full mailing address, phone, fax, and E-mail address.
- Brief description of your current knowledge and/or activities in an Insect & Rodent Control program.
- How you as an individual will benefit from this training.
- How your department will benefit from the training.
- A brief statement indicating that you have the support of your management to attend this workshop.