Natural Disasters and the Recovery Process

Natural disasters are a common occurrence across North and South Carolina with hurricanes, tornadoes and flooding posing a serious risk to much of the region.

Understanding the health and safety elements that can aid or hinder the recovery process is critical to getting businesses and communities back on their feet and looking to the future.

Ready to Respond
NC State University Industry Expansion Solutions (IES) and our partners are ready to respond and will conduct free, on-site training addressing occupational safety and health hazards that may be encountered by workers, supervisors and employers involved in disaster site response and cleanup operations in North Carolina and South Carolina.

Intended Audience
Training is recommended for anyone providing skilled support services (e.g. utility, demolition, tree and debris removal, or heavy equipment operation), site clean-up services and recovery activities including the rebuilding and reconstruction of the damaged areas.

Interactive Training
IES Safety and Health Specialists utilize interactive training techniques to support hands-on and participatory learning activities. The training events can be delivered in multiple formats, ranging from small modules (half hour) up to a half-day session, depending on the technical topic and audience needs.

Recovery Resources
IES provides hazard training in the following areas, depending on the training audience. Other topics may be added as identified.
IES is also partnering with the NC Department of Labor to distribute personal protective equipment (PPE) at these sessions, while instructing participants on safe use. We can teach in numerous hazards regarding disaster safety including but not limited to the topics below:

› Chemical/Biological Hazards
› Construction Caught-In/Struck-By Hazards
› Disaster Site Worker Training
› Electrical Hazards
› Employer Responsibilities and Employee Rights
› Flood Cleanup Hazards
› Hand and Power Tools/Chainsaw
› Heat Stress
› Heavy Equipment Operation
› Industrial Hygiene
› Mold/Water Contamination
› PPE/Respiratory Hazards
› Slips, Trips, Falls