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To: All USW Local Unions in the U.S. Paper Sector

Re: USW Paper Sector Full-Time Health and Safety Representative/Advocate Course – January 28, 2019 – February 1, 2019 – Pittsburgh, PA

Sisters and Brothers,

We are pleased to announce that the USW Health, Safety and Environment Department and Tony Mazzocchi Center will be offering a five-day course, January 28th – February 1st, 2019, specifically for USW full-time health and safety representatives/advocates working in the paper sector.

The course will incorporate current issues, problem-solving and strategic planning aimed at helping full-time USW safety and health representatives/advocates in the paper sector meet current and future challenges. The highest numbers of fatalities and life-altering injuries in USW-represented facilities continue to take place in facilities that make and convert paper.

This course is designed to assist full-time safety representatives in the paper sector identify and address hazardous conditions and system failures to prevent future tragedies. Whether the full-time safety rep is new or has served in such a position for many years, they have probably been confronted with problems with mobile equipment, guarding, combustible dust, black liquor and other hazardous substances, falls or a myriad of other concerns. The course will involve a review of specific hazards in the paper sector and how we can work together and with management to address them.

The week will also provide the opportunity to learn from other full-time USW safety and health representatives to increase the effectiveness of your day-to-day work in eliminating, reducing and preventing hazards, increasing member involvement in the union's safety and health efforts; and working with labor and management representatives on safety and health committees and others in creating safer, healthier workplaces.

The training schedule is as follows:

Registration Fee:	None
Registration Deadline:	January 11, 2019
Arrival Date:	Sunday, January 27, 2019
Safety Training:	Monday, January 28 th – Friday, February 1 st 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. USW Headquarters Room: 2 nd Floor Conference Room

Departure Date: Friday, February 1st – Class ends at 12:00; Flights should not be scheduled for departure until 3 pm or later.

Hotel: Wyndham Grand Hotel Pittsburgh
600 Commonwealth Place
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Room Rate: \$112/night + tax

We encourage Local Unions to approach your employer about funding attendance of your Full-Time Safety Representative/Advocate to attend this training. You should underscore that there is no registration fee for this course, and the costs incurred will be limited to travel, lost-time, hotel and related expenses. If your Employer declines to fund, please consider making this investment by your Local Union in the interest of long-term health and safety of your members.

Once you have determined your Local's attendance, please fill out the attached registration form and return it to Laura Donovan at: 60 Boulevard of the Allies, 10th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15222; Fax: 412-562-2275; ldonovan@usw.org. Space will be limited to forty (40) participants and we are giving preference to those Full Time Safety Representatives who did not participate in the last training we held in 2017. If you are accepted to the course, your hotel room reservation will be made for you.

Thank you for your interest and everything that you do. We look forward to seeing you in Pittsburgh.

In solidarity,



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