



**Center for Indoor Environments and Health
Hurricanes and Mold Workshop
July 23, 2015 1:00PM-4:30PM**

1:15 PM Small group discussions **Priorities** Paula Schenck

Each group designates a discussion leader and a reporter. Each group will include 1 UCONN team member as an information resource only.

Goal: Develop two important messages to share in preparation for (or to respond after) a wet weather event/hurricane.

Situation: You are a member of the fictional town Bluewater Falls special task force on Climate Change Action. The group is at a regular monthly meeting in October engaged in a debate over the pros and cons of requiring mandatory purchase fees for plastic bags used at supermarkets, when the mayor's chief of staff interrupts the meeting. The latest weather forecast for Hurricane Cleo, which brought gale force winds to the South Florida coast last night, shows Cleo hitting land in New London County possibly as a hurricane, later in the week. After Superstorm Sandy, 3 years earlier, coastal CT counties agreed to a program of mutual assistance and the Director of Health in New London has asked for immediate assistance. Your group is asked to suggest risk messages targeted for specific communities.

- 1) Identify 2 target communities*
- 2) Provide your rationale why you chose these specific communities
- 3) Identify the health concern that the message will address
- 4) Provide the priority topics for the message

*Possible communities include: 1) public/community; 2) school or office communities; 3) response worker community (emergency response staff, public works, and construction); 4) public health; and 5) disaster medicine practitioners.