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**To: ETAC**

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## RE: Workforce Sub-Committee

### Background

ETAC created the Workforce Sub-Committee to discuss issues that impact workers of closed and closing power plants and the workforce of impacted communities. The committee meets quarterly.

### Update

ETAC Board member, Department of Labor and Industry, Senior Field Representative Jeremy Parker coordinated a tour of the Operating Engineers Local 49 training center outside of Hinckley, MN. The Operating Engineers Local 49 director presented on the history of the location, training opportunities and the need for operators. A tour of the grounds was provided that showed the hands on work that the trainees and those working on their on-going certifications complete.

Upcoming topics

* 1. Transferable skills outside of the utility industry
	2. Green energy jobs
	3. Certification and training for workers
	4. Need to meet with other Power plants that have successfully closed – how did they assist their workers in the transition
	5. MN Power – what is their workforce plan
	6. Xcel Energy Workforce Plan
	7. Other states.
	8. CEE report