

United Steelworkers Local Union 3657

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Rapid Response Committee September 2015

We had a great meeting last week about encouraging more participation by the local and building program. Thanks to everyone that joined in, whether here at the building or out in the field. Going forward, we would like to have George Piasecki, who is the District 10 Coordinator come in and do a full training for the local. This would be scheduled in a way that we could accommodate members who could get time off during work hours, and also a time that could be scheduled after work hours. Anything to make it easier for folks to participate! If you would like to be in one of those trainings, and take an active role in 3657's team, please email me at amiller@usw.org to let me know. These trainings will take place in October. I will have dates to follow as soon as we see options for availability.

Here are just a few of the things we are currently working on:

- Celebrating a BIG WIN in Missouri where "right to work" was defeated in a tough climate. We are working closely with our members in MO to build up strong Rapid Response Teams that stand ready to engage when the fight returns because it will.
- Celebrating a win in California where we were able to have amendments that would have impacted our oil folks removed from a bill.
- Working to garner support in Piketon, Ohio to keep a nuclear cleanup facility funded. The cards are stacked against here, so we are diligent in our efforts there to engage members.
- Heavy work making sure that the Crude Oil Export Ban remains intact. Lifting this ban would have devastating ramifications on our refineries as well as the US economy as a whole. If our crude oil is exported, it will not be long before our refineries go as well, and 63 of the US's refineries are Steelworker facilities. We have to protect these jobs!
- TPP is looming around the corner. Negotiations for the agreement continue, and we have to be ready to do whatever it takes to not allow that agreement to come to the floor of congress. This will cost thousands of jobs for our members if it is voted in.
- MUCH, MUCH MORE!

I cannot stress the importance of having a solid team in this local. We are fortunate to have more access than our members are able to get in their facilities, so we have the opportunity to make this team the best in the union! The issues that we fight for have direct impact on our members and their jobs, their health and safety and the economic stability of this country. When our members do better, we all do better! After all, these are the folks that we work for, they pay our salaries and we need to always be mindful of what we are working to achieve every day when we come to work.

If anyone has any questions at all, please feel free to contact me anytime.