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Dear Apprentices:

**Important Notice for Mandatory High Hazard Facility (HHF) Training**

**Ensuring a Skilled and Trained Workforce in High Hazard Facilities:  
*Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1817 (ESHB1817) and RCW 49.80***

2019's ESHB 1817 requires owners of petroleum refining or petrochemical manufacturing facilities to use a skilled and trained workforce when contracting for construction, alteration, demolition, installation, repair, or maintenance work. The new law is mandated under the RCW Chapter 49.80 and applies to all Northwest Washington Electrical Industry JATC apprentices.

The Washington State Department of Labor and Industries has implemented RCW 49.80 to make refinery work safer. The Northwest Washington Electrical Industry JATC offers HHF Training at both the Mount Vernon Training Center and WATTS. HHF Training is crucial even for those not working at refineries, and it includes electrical safety-related work practices and OSHA safety.

The available HHF Training classes are listed on your TradeSchool account by location. The mandatory training lasts 20 hours and runs from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Training Center or at WATTS.

The JATC would like apprentices to volunteer to sign up, but if the classes have vacancies, we work with contractors and schedule apprentices to fill open slots. Apprentices are encouraged to sign up voluntarily as soon as possible on TradeSchool.

All apprentices must take the HHF Training class by the end of January 2026.

Sincerely,

Robert Bartel

Training Director