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The National Drought Mitigation Center is conducting a series of regional workshops, “Planning for the Next Drought,” around the country in 1997 and 1998. The first workshop was in Albuquerque, New Mexico, July 28–30. Plans are underway to conduct similar workshops in other regions. A second workshop will probably be held in Salt Lake City in late 1997, followed by workshops in the Southeast and Midwest in 1998. Because the workshops are sponsored by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, there is no registration fee.

Workshop participants will learn how to develop a drought plan. Participants will also have the opportunity to discuss their specific planning needs with state and federal government officials and learn how others coped with recent droughts.

The objectives of the workshops are to:

- help people understand drought and the need for drought planning;
- teach natural resource managers, water utility managers, emergency managers, planners, and others how to develop drought contingency plans;
- help different levels and agencies of government coordinate drought-related programs.

Who should attend: Local, state, or federal officials; tribal representatives; people responsible for managing water and other natural resources; people in industries affected by drought, such as agriculture, energy, water utilities, recreation, and transportation; reporters; and others interested in reducing vulnerability to drought.

If you’re interested in learning more about the workshops, please contact the NDMC by writing to the NDMC, P.O. Box 830749, Lincoln, NE, 68583–0749, by calling (402) 472–6707, or by sending e-mail to ndmc@enso.unl.edu.