

Hazardous Materials Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

May 15, 2007 Meeting Minutes

Mission Discussion

Our priorities remain constant: (1) Identify Hazardous Materials Teams (HMT's), (2) Type those teams, and (3) Verify the team and typing.

Radiation Response/Protection Capability

We want to identify what's being done in this area so there is no duplication of efforts. The areas being trained on a consistent basis are those areas contiguous to the nuclear plants. We need to know what the capabilities are for counties/regions outside that area. The focus has to be on state/regional/local identification of the following: (1) What is the risk?, (2) What equipment and training do we currently have relative to our desired capabilities, (3) What equipment and training do we need to adequately all of our desired capabilities relative to the identified risk? The Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO) may be a valuable resource for moving forward in this area. Recognizing the risks associated with the potential use of a nuclear weapon within the United States, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has integrated all nuclear detection research, development, testing, evaluation, acquisition, and operational support into a single office. The DNDO will develop global nuclear detection architecture; conduct research and development; and acquire and support the deployment of domestic nuclear detection systems.

Standardized Training

Discussion focused on setting up 'Train-the-Trainer' sessions in order to integrate as many hazardous material related entities as possible into the specifics of the processes.

Verification/Team Typing Version 3.1

Document was disseminated and a total feedback of one comment, general in nature was received. Version is hereby approved and accepted. Final version, which supersedes all previous, will be forwarded to the chair and widely shared with all hazardous material stakeholders. The version will be periodically checked for needed modifications, have mandated annual reviews, and be revised when appropriate.

Implementation of Team Typing

The best process for dissemination of the information to regional coordinators relative to the implementation of team typing was determined to be a cover letter on Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA) letterhead. The suitability of this determination will be discussed with Ohio EMA Operations Division Director Mel House. Additionally, this action letter would be forwarded to County Emergency

Management Agencies (County EMA's) through the Emergency Management Association of Ohio (EMAO) and all Hazardous Material Teams (HMT's). 'Verification Teams' (VT's) will be comprised of three members and the details regarding team make-up are still being finalized. The plan is to verify all teams in the Ohio Response plan, whether funded or un-funded. As teams become typed, the process will be promoted and publicized, resulting in more requests for verification assistance. Still to be worked out with senior leadership are contractual, overtime, and any other as yet unidentified pay issues.

Ohio Fire Chief Update/Verification Memorandum of Understanding

Memorandum of Understanding is still being created and refined. Integration of the Intrastate Mutual Aid Compact (IMAC) and Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) are now being discussed and brainstormed. Information Technology (IT) is fixing issues with the password process and a separate document for each Technical Assistance Committee (TAC) is under discussion.

Regional Coordinators Reporting Capabilities

Electronic mail was forwarded to all Regional Coordinators reminding them that pockets exist without Type III capability and we must vigilantly plan to fill those gaps. Additionally, if funding was received we must stay ready to exhibit the result of that funding.

Action Items for Next Meeting

- SOG's – What's expected/not expected from Hazardous Material Teams (HMT's)- Jeff Branic / Sil Caggiano (spelled correctly this time!)
- Cover letter for verification process-Co-chairs/Verification subcommittee
- Final verification document to all TAC members-Greg Locher
- Attendance issue-Greg Locher
- Feasibility of conference calls-TAC Member discussion point
- Regional Coordinators build-out reports if not reported-Regional Coordinators
- "Authority Having Jurisdiction" discussion – Terry Bindernagle
- Radiation response/protection capability

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 19, 2007 - 10:00 a.m. Ohio EMA