



Emergency Management Issues Special Interest Group Annual Meeting

Emergency Management Oversight – Perspectives and Update

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Office of Enforcement and Oversight (HS-40) [Pending]

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**Worker Safety &
Health
Enforcement**

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**Security
Enforcement**

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**Safety & Emergency
Management
Evaluations**

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**Nuclear Safety
Enforcement**

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**Security & Cyber
Evaluations**

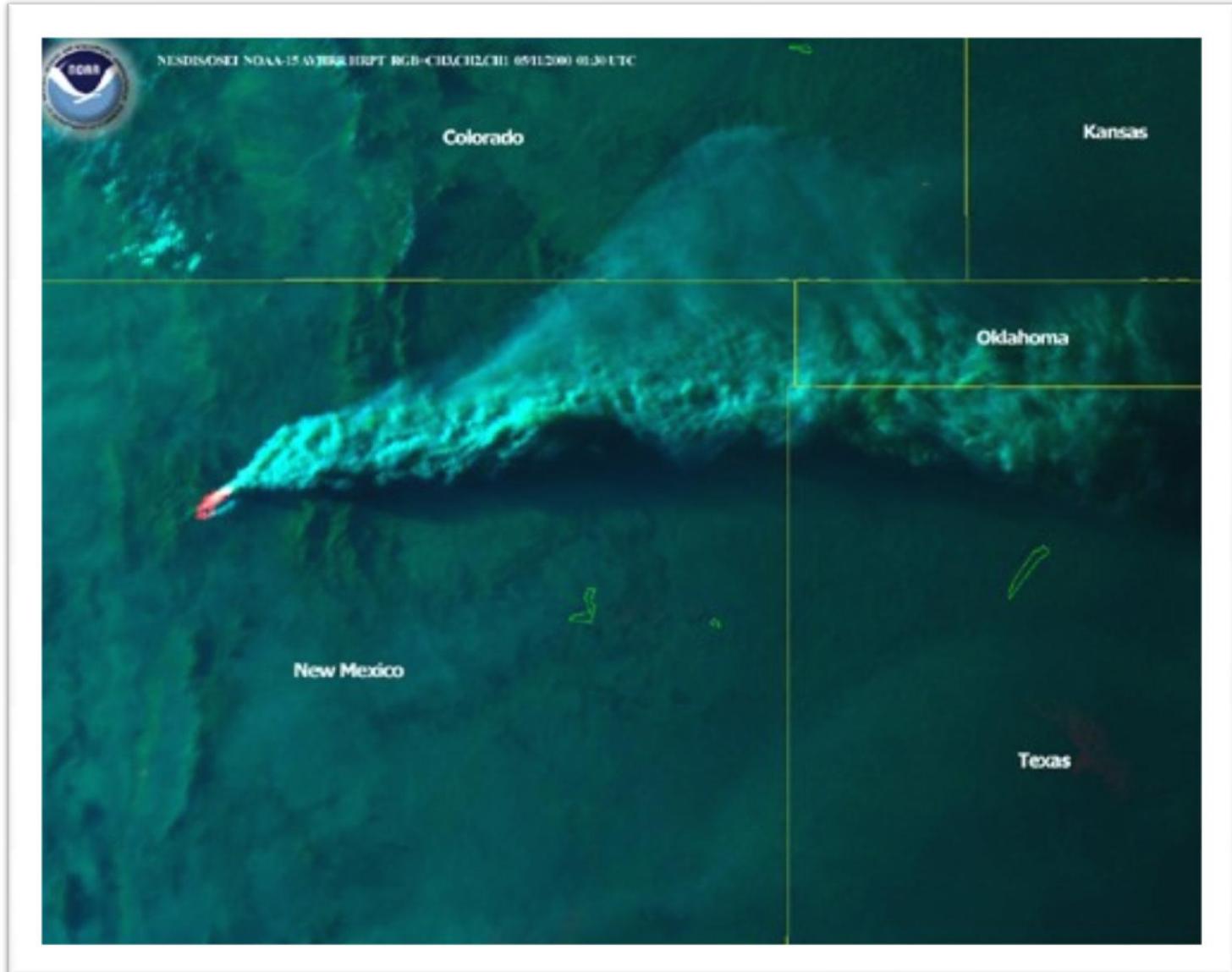
What Have I Learned ??

- Three Emergency Planners Walk into a Bar...
- How Many Office of Emergency Management Oversight Staff Does it Take to Make an Operational Emergency Notification ??

Perspectives: 1998 - 2011

- 1997: May 14 Chemical Explosion at PFP
- 1998: Complex-wide Review
- 1999: Follow-ups and Exercise Evaluations
- 2000 – OA Formation (OA-30); Cerro Grande
- 52 Program Appraisals Since Jan 2000
- 2009 – Safety & Security Reform
- 2010 – 2011: “New Model”
- March 11, 2011...

Cerro Grande Fire



Perspectives: 1998-2011 (cont'd)

- Convenient Truths
 - DOE/NNSA has Realized Substantive Improvements in Emergency Preparedness
 - The “Last Line of Defense” Argument is Periodically Validated

Perspectives: 1998-2011 (cont'd)

- Inconvenient Truths
 - Most Sites Don't Truly Want an Independent Review
 - Management Supports Proficiency, as Long as it Doesn't Interfere with Production
 - Complacency is an Implacable Foe
 - It's NOT all about Radiation
 - None of us is as Good as we (or our Managers) Think

Recent Activities

- LANL, Pantex, ORNL
 - Review of selected program elements
 - Teaming with Site Office
 - Shadowing and mentoring of contractor emergency management staff
- Y-12
 - Emergency response infrastructure recommendations

Future Activities

- Simonson's Educated (?) Guesses:
 - Increased Emergency Preparedness Visibility
 - Increased Association Between E/P and Nuclear Safety
- HS-63 (45) Can Provide Useful Suggestions for Program Improvement