



TWG Teleconference Highlights
Core Group Objective #6, Offsite Training

Tuesday, August 4, 2009; 3:00 PM Eastern /2:00 PM Central/1:00 PM Mountain/12:00 PM Pacific

Attendees and Introductions:

Group members introduced themselves and gave some of their background.

- Bob Burger: Training Coordinator at Sandia. Interested in standardization across sites.
- Brenda Andersen: Emergency Manager at LANL.
- Kally Barker: Offsite Liaison at INL.
- Diana De La Rosa: Offsite Liaison at Sandia. It's difficult to communicate DOE language.
- Marie Dunkle: Consultant, member of EPI. Finds crossover between EPI and TWG.
- Amparo Atencio: ORISE; has worked with EMI SIG on the logistics of the annual meeting for several years.

Objective 6: Continuing to learn more about what other sites are doing for Offsite Training.

Discussion of goals for this objective: (Where can we take this objective?)

- Brenda: Set a minimum standard for training.
- Marie: Identify differences between sites and offsites. Collecting examples would be helpful for benchmarking (not just from our own sites but commercial industry as well.)
- Diana: Does Steve Arnold at Portsmouth have time to help us? He has lots of experience.
- Bob: Is there anything from the survey that can be utilized for this year?

Discussion of survey results:

- Several in group did see the results. Kally found it enlightening and valuable.
- Marie asked if the results were synthesized or if it was raw data. Diana replied that yes, they were synthesized, and she still has the raw data. She stated that the various Programs said they would like to see things specific to the basics for first responders. Survey respondents were in tune with what this group wants to do.
- These questions were raised: Was there a difference between responders and decision makers? Onsite or offsite responders? The answer was both.
- Diana will resend the synthesized results and questions to this group.

Brainstorming on minimum training:

Marie was asked to help this group in terms of not stepping on PIO toes on issues they are already addressing. She indicated EPI does not have specific tasking in this area, but crossover between EPI and this group would be good. We should also have interface with offsite agency spokespersons and Joint Information Centers.

List of standards identified in call:

- Notifications
- Recommended Actions and Protective Actions
- Basics Of Consequence Assessment
- Basics of Ensuring Understanding of What the Hazards Are That Can Result in Emergency That Would Involve Offsite Support or Action (EPHA piece tied in??)
- Operability between offsite agencies/groups
 - Radios for example
 - Understanding stability class
- Response In Radio Operability (CAT)
- Glossary/Explanation Of Definitions
- Site calendars (Marie has access.)
- Medical Response and Understanding Hazards In Advance (Helicopter issues not wanting to land; fear of contamination.)
- Understanding Joint Information Center Operations (cross-training)
- Idaho: Tie In/Partners With Meteorology stations and information with the EOCs
- Address training so states will know how they can help DOE sites establish a baseline of information
- Sharing Resources with Agencies
- Basic Radiological Awareness; explain how sites/DOE can assist HAZMAT teams
- MOUs (Understanding DOE agreements that are in place and that can be utilized)

Bob suggested sending out this list for review and adding additional items to get a compilation.

Benchmarking discussion

These questions were asked: Does this group have a budget for benchmarking? Is there funding to put out a product such as a DVD of items we've collected with descriptions? Marie indicated if there is something we want to propose as a product that would come out of EMI SIG and supported by ORISE or other source, we would provide a proposal and estimated cost. It would go through Sue Jacox, to Dorothy Cohen, to Fairbent.

Benchmarking is essential. Marie was asked if she could provide suggestions of places that conduct emergency response training. She indicated that she had worked with Brookhaven and Livermore in the past. Pantex has a public information piece. Marie can put us in touch with the commercial industry through the Nuclear Energy Institute. She recommends also communicating with other DOE lab partners that are doing outreach in their communities.

Other discussion

Who should receive the highlights of this call was discussed. It was decided that a minimum, the TWG general membership and perhaps Offsite Liaisons.

Bob mentioned objectives have a one-year cycle, and we need to show progress on stated goals by EMI SIG meeting time. He needs to provide results or status update in March 2010, so he needs input by December to add to the report by March. This report can be a work-in-progress, not completed goals.



Diana will task core group members to follow-up with survey respondents on information regarding the goals. We should also get on the schedule for the regularly scheduled TWG conference calls to get more feedback from people outside this task group.

Future goals

- Decide on the need for a product (possible DVD or CD of information) to be used by all sites for basic information that offsite agencies need to understand the DOE EM program.
 - Develop proposal and estimated cost for product
- Identify basic offsite training needs
- Identify basic training blocks of information needed

Future calls/meetings

We will reconvene in mid-September after reviewing. Mondays or Wednesdays are good. Diana asked about other methods to meet besides conference calls. Few had access to videoconferencing. Amparo recommended GotoMeeting or Live Meeting as screen-sharing options.

Next conference call

Sept. 14. 1:00 -2:00 p.m. (Mountain); 2:00-3:00 p.m. (Central); 3:00-4:00 p.m. (Eastern)
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