Transportation Emergency Preparedness Program (TEPP) Update
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TEPP Update

- Presentation Topics
  - 2014 Training Activities/2015 Planned Activities
  - Training and Planning Tools Revisions
  - Sponsored Exercises
  - Improvement Project
  - Website Resources
FY 2014 National Training Activities

• Training sessions and headcount completed in FY 2014 by Regional Government Group
  
  ✓ WGA – 36 classes by DOE and 10 by state instructors with 642 students attending
  ✓ Midwest – 3 classes by DOE with 53 students attending
  ✓ Northeast – 10 classes by DOE and 5 by state instructors with 198 students attending
  ✓ SSEB – 81 classes by DOE and 27 by state instructors with 1833 students attending
FY 2014 SSEB Training Activities

- Completed 108 CMERRTT, MERRTT, TMERRTT and Radiation Specialist Sessions with 1833 attending

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FY 2014 SSEB Training Activities

• Completed nine Technician MERRTT Sessions
  ✓ Charlotte, NC on January 31 through February 2 with 67 attending
  ✓ Rock Hill, SC on February 3 with 18 attending
  ✓ Salem and Pulaski, VA on March 7-8 with 59 attending
  ✓ Winchester, KY on August 11-13 with 51 attending

• Completed one Radiation Specialist Session
  ✓ Lexington, KY on April 14-18 2014 with 44 attending
Planned 2015 SSEB Training Activities

- Based on available funding, TEPP plans to conduct the following training sessions for FY 2015:
  - ~40 MERRTT or CMERRTT across the southern states
  - Five TMERRTT sessions:
    - Two in Covington, KY this winter
    - Three in Georgia this summer
  - Two Radiation Specialist sessions for 2015. First one in Harrisburg, PA on June 1-5 and a second one in a southern state this fall
  - Full-scale live source exercise in a southern state
MERRRTT Program Revisions

- Code of Federal Regulation changes will require a few minor revisions to MERRRTT in late 2015
- If you need a current version of the MERRRTT DVD or additional DVDs let me know
TEPP Sponsored Exercises

• Conducted a full-scale exercise sponsored by Virginia Department of Emergency Management and the Radioactive Materials Program on 10/4
TEPP Improvement Projects

- Working to reshoot the TEPP Emergency Response, Pre-Hospital, and Decontamination videos
  - Comments from the Working Group have been incorporated, scripts are final. Videoing will be done in Pahrump Nevada during February and March 2015
  - Release for review is expected in September 2015
TEPP Improvement Projects

• Needs Assessment
  ✓ Designed to assist state, tribal, or local officials in determining radiological transportation emergency responder readiness
  ✓ Implementation is through a self-assessment that involves answering questions about radioactive material that may be present or transported in your community, identifying existing capabilities, training programs, procedures, and areas for improvement
  ✓ Online version provides detailed report to user
TEPP Improvement Projects

- Needs Assessment is designed to evaluate nine emergency response elements, assessing procedures, capabilities, and training
  - Emergency Management Agency
  - Emergency Communications Center
  - Hazardous Materials Team
  - Fire Response Organization
  - Law Enforcement Response Organization
  - Emergency Medical Services
  - Hospital/Care Facilities
  - Public Information Officer (PIO)
  - State Radiation Authority (SRA)
TEPP Improvement Projects

• Needs Assessment Revision is in the final draft development.
  ✓ Two new sections (PIO and SRA) and numerous questions have been added throughout the assessment.
  ✓ The automated response programing will be finalized during December.
  ✓ The TEPP Working Group representatives will be provided access to the revised internet based Needs Assessment to evaluate the questions and operation of the automated response report by the end of January.
  ✓ Plans are for the Needs Assessment to be finalized and posted on the website by spring 2015.
TEPP Improvement Projects

• Agency Cooperation

✓ TEPP continues to work with the National Fire Protection Association on Standards 472 and 473 for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents
TEPP Improvement Projects

- Agency Cooperation - New NFPA Standards open for public comment
  - 475 – Recommended Practice for Responding to Hazardous Materials Incidents/Weapons of Mass Destruction
Website Resources

• The TEPP web site provides one-stop for information

✓ MERRTT Training Schedule
✓ 24-Hour Points of Contact
✓ Needs Assessment
✓ Model Procedures
✓ Exercise Planning Resources
✓ TEPP Regional Coordinators

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Questions