UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5
SITUATION REPORT

Subject: Situation Report (SitRep) #5
Republican National Convention Pre-Deployment

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Background

The Republican National Convention (RNC) is being held September 1-4, 2008 in St. Paul, Minnesota. In order to be ready in the unlikely case of an incident at the RNC, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has pre-deployed responders and equipment to Plymouth, MN. To prepare for the RNC, EPA Region 5 personnel participated in the consequence management subcommittee meetings since March 2008.

Executive Summary

The Region 5 IMT has been stood up in Plymouth MN. The Region 5 mobile command post, ERT TAGA bus, NDT, ERT, NCERT, and Region 5 response trailers and other response related equipment are staged at the ICP. During the last operational period EPA conducted the following:

- The Biological Strike Team conducted a Biological Decontamination Workshop at the MPCA. There were 41 people in attendance representing 15 entities.
- The Radiation Strike Team conducted two Radiation Equipment Demonstrations at the Minnesota Fire Training Center. There were 40 people in attendance representing 13 entities.
- The third IMT planning cycle was conducted on September 2, 2008.
- The third Operations briefing was conducted on September 2, 2008.

1.1.1 History

Region 5 staff has been preparing for this pre-deployment since March, 2008 with several Command and General Staff meetings, four exercises, and monthly IAPs and SitReps.

1.2 Incident Objectives and Command Emphasis

1.2.1 Coordinate with local, state, and federal agencies to optimize EPA Region 5 and National Team involvement in RNC Homeland Security operations.
1.2.2 Communicate preparations and activity to Regional Management and to National Program Management.
1.2.3 Ensure Health & Safety of all EPA and contractor personnel involved in RNC pre-deployment operations.
1.2.4 Conduct logistical support for RNC Homeland Security Operations.
1.2.5 Conduct response training and decontamination workshops for local, state and federal responders during RNC pre-deployment operations.
1.2.6 Participate in operations at the FEMA IOF, MACC, JIC, Ramsey County EOC, and Minneapolis EOC during RNC and communicate with EPA ICP.

1.3 Critical Resource Needs

No additional resources are anticipated to be required beyond the pre-deployed resources.

2.0 Activities During Reporting Period

2.1. REOC (CHICAGO)

The REOC stood up today and is being staffed during regular business hours. REOC staff are maintaining situational awareness, and providing information to EPA Headquarters, the Superfund Division Director, and the IMT. Daily calls have been instituted (1045 and 1530 hrs), and will remain the method for passing information between the IMT, EOC, R5 management and EPA Headquarters for the remainder of the RNC.

2.2 Operations Section

There are four HAZMAT strike teams pre-deployed by the USEPA, including a Radiation Strike Team, Biological Strike Team, Chemical Strike Team, and Emergency Response Strike Team. Each team is a complete Level A HAZMAT capable team. These strike teams are available for hazardous materials operations anywhere in the Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area. These teams are comprised of the USEPA and contractor personnel covering day operations. An ER night operations strike team is comprised of ERT and USCG personnel. The teams are staged at the Incident Command Post at the Radisson Conference Center in Plymouth, Minnesota. Each strike team consists of between four and nine personnel, and is capable of stand-alone Level A/B/C/D entries.

Biological Strike Team. The Biological Strike Team conducted a Biological Decontamination Workshop at the MPCA. There were 41 people representing 15 entities in attendance. The following table details the various entities in attendance.

Entity	Number of Attendees
U.S. EPA	5
NDT	5
ERT	2
RERT	1
START	1
ATSDR	1
WCEC	3
Minneapolis Department of Health	1
MDH	3
MCES	4
Scott County Public Health	1
City of Minneapolis	1
Marathon Petroleum	1
MPCA	13
MDA	1
TOTAL	41

Radiation Strike Team. The Radiation Strike Team conducted a Radiation Equipment Demonstration at the Minnesota Fire Training Center. There were 40 people representing 13 entities in attendance. The following table details the various entities in attendance.

Entity	Number of Day Attendees	Number of Night Attendees
U.S. EPA	2	
NCERT	4	
St Anthony Fire Department	1	
MN DOT	4	
Brooklyn Center Fire Department	1	
WCEC	2	
Minneapolis Fire Department	10	
MDH	4	
Dade Moeller & Associates	1	
OSHA		1
Marathon Petroleum		1
MN DHS	1	
MPCA		8
TOTAL	**30**	**10**

A fifth team is the USEPA Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training (OCEFT) Homeland Security Division (HSD) Operation Section's National Counterterrorism Evidence Response Team (NCERT). NCERT's activities during the past 24-hour period included:

- EPA MACC Liaison 0900-2100 hrs.
- Liaison with Region 5 IMT.
- Coordination/liaison with law enforcement and hazmat partners.
- NCERT and Special Teams partners attached to NCERT participate in radiation instrumentation training at Minneapolis Fire Training Facility.
- NCERT provided EPA personnel in GOVs, a force protection escort to and from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in downtown St. Paul, MN.

2.2.1 Anticipated activities for next reporting period

The Operations Section has prepared a daily training agenda for EPA, federal, state, and local responders. The daily training agenda for September 3, 2008 includes a chemical decontamination workshop sponsored by NDT and biological equipment demonstration conducted by the Biological Strike Team.

Radiation Strike Team

- Participate in one of the following:
    - Prepare for future presentations;
    - Attend the Chemical Decontamination Workshop; or
    - Attend the Biological Equipment Demonstrations.
- Prepare Strike Team personnel and equipment for potential emergency response.

Biological Strike Team

- Conduct Biological Equipment Demonstration at the Minneapolis Fire Training Center;
- Engage all federal, state, and local agencies during the sampling demonstrations as an outreach tool; and
- Prepare Strike Team personnel and equipment for potential emergency response.

Chemical Strike Team

- Participate in the NDT Chemical Decontamination Workshop at the MPCA office (Workshop hours are 1300-1630);
- Prepare for September 4 chemical equipment demonstrations; and
- Prepare Strike Team personnel and equipment for potential emergency response.

Emergency Response (ER) Strike Team

- Participate in one of the following:
    - Prepare for future presentations;
    - Attend the Chemical Decontamination Workshop; or
    - Attend the Biological Equipment Demonstration;
- Prepare strike team and equipment for potential emergency response.

ER Strike Team (Night Ops)

- Conduct nightly operations;
- Conduct hourly patrols of outside equipment; and
- Participate in MACC briefing at 0300 and 0700.

NCERT

- EPA MACC Liaison 0900-2100 hrs;
- Liaison with Region 5 IMT;
- Coordination/liaison with law enforcement and hazmat partners;
- NCERT and Special Teams partners attached to NCERT participate in biological sampling instrumentation training at Minneapolis Fire Training Facility; and
- NCERT provide EPA personnel in GOVs force protection escort to and from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in downtown St. Paul, MN.

2.3. Planning Section

A Planning Section was established. The RNC USEPA Region 5 roster and contact list were finalized, stood up, and can be found in the Communications Plan.

2.3.1. Anticipated activities for next reporting period

The SitReps and IAPs will be created daily. Those reports will be used for briefing materials and will be posted to www.epaosc.net.

2.3.2. Environmental Unit

The Environmental Unit produced a NARAC map for practice.

The Environmental Unit will produce a simulated daily NARAC maps showing various releases.

2.3.3. Situation Unit

The Situation Unit was established to monitor ongoing event-related activities at all levels and to document the situation. Updates to the initial SitRep will be made on a daily basis.

- A password protected website on epaosc.net has been established by EPA Region 5 for RNC activities. The URL is http://www.epaosc.net/site_profile.asp?site_id=3891. If you need access for this site, please contact Ann Whelan at 312-802-1405.
- Maps of the various venues and lodging sites have been created and posted and will be updated as necessary.
- Information is due for the next SitRep at 8 pm Monday September 3, 2008.

2.3.4. Resource Unit

The IAP was prepared for daily operations at the RNC. The Resource Unit tracked staff supporting the pre-deployment.

2.4 Logistics Section

The Logistics Section performed the following activities:

- Radio checks with PIO and LNOs.
- Continued to troubleshoot computer problems.
- Setup a videoconference from the Mobile Command Post to the R5EOC.
- Contact list updated with current information.

2.5 Finance Section

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Funding Committed to Date			
Entity	Contract Vehicle / Identifier	Amount	Expended
	CONTRACT BUY INS		
ERT	Tetra Tech #GS-10F-0076K DO #1102	$55,000	$18,302
ERT	REAC-Lockhead Martin #EP-C04-032	$65,000	$24,300
NDT	Dynamac	$25,000	$22,000
	R5 CONTRACTS		
R5	START Weston #EP-S5-06-04	$55,000	$36,048
USCG	IAG from existing funds	$10,000	
Hotel	Radisson ICP Conference Rooms	$10,040	$10,040
	TOTAL COMMITTED TO DATE	$210,040.00	

2.6 Safety Officer

The current HASP is reviewed on a daily basis to update the IAP for the current operational period. A safety message was provided during the Operations Briefing. Preparations were

made to support the transition of the current Safety Officer, John Glover, to the new Safety Officer, Ed Primeau of USCG AST.

2.7 Liaison Officer

• FEMA IOF	12 hours/day	Activated	EPA LNO in place
• Ramsey County EOC	12 hours/day	Activated	EPA LNO in place
• Minneapolis (MDCC)	12 hours/day	Activated	EPA LNO in place
• MACC	24 hours/day	Activated	EPA LNO in place

Liaison officers have reported that they are monitoring protest activity. No incidents to report.

2.8 Public Information Officer

The PIO is distributing daily RNC media monitoring reports and analysis to the IMT. The PIO is stationed at the JIC daily from 1200-2400 hours.

3.0 Participating Entities

MPCA, MN Department of Agriculture, MN Department of Health, MN DOT, Metropolitan Council of Environmental Services, MN Department of Human Services, City of Minneapolis, and Ramsey County. USCG Atlantic Strike Team, West Central Environmental Consultants.

4.0 Personnel On Site

Below is the summary of personnel checked in by 2230 on September 2, 2008.

PERSONNEL	Staff expected	Staff checked in
EPA Region 5 IMT & staff	23	23
EPA Special Teams	27	27
Contractors (R5 and Teams)	15	15
Other Federal personnel	4	4
Observers	2	2
TOTAL	71	71

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5.0 Definition of Terms

AST	Atlantic Strike Team
ATSDR	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
ERT	Environmental Response Team
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
HQ	Headquarters
IAP	Incident Action Plan
ICP	Incident Command Post
IMT	Incident Management Team
IO	Information Officer
IOF	Interim Operational Facility
JIC	Joint Information Center
LNO	Liaison Officer
MACC	Multi-Agency Communications Center
MCES	Metropolitan Council Environmental Services
MDA	Minnesota Department of Agriculture
MDCC	Multi-Department Coordination Center
MDH	Minnesota Department of Health
MPCA	Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
MN DHS	Minnesota Department of Human Services
MN DOT	Minnesota Department of Transportation
NCERT	National Counter Terrorism Evidence Response Team
NDT	National Decontamination Team
R5	Region 5
RNC	Republican National Convention

REOC	Regional Emergency Operations Center
RERT	Radiological Emergency Response Team
SitRep	Situation Report
SO	Safety Officer
USCG	United States Coast Guard
WCEC	West Central Environmental Consultants

6.0 Sources of Additional Information

Additional documents are available at www.epaosc.net under "2008 Republican National Convention" and "Documents." The URL is http://www.epaosc.net/site_profile.asp?site_id=3891.