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REGION 8

Situation Report Summary
Democratic National Convention – Pre-deployment

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Reporting Period: August 22, 2008 through August 29, 2008

Executive Summary: The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is a part of a larger Federal, State and local preparedness effort to be ready in the unlikely event of an incident during the Democratic National Convention (DNC). USEPA has completed all plans, liaison assignments, and staffing for all positions associated with the DNC. USEPA Region 8 stood up an Incident Management Team (IMT) for all activities for DNC support on August 22, 2008 and maintained it through August 29, 2008. Daily Situation Reports (SitReps) were developed and are attached to this document as Appendix A. Each unit provided daily updates which were incorporated into the SitReps.

As detailed in this report, a multitude of resources were available for response if needed. In summary, there were a total of five HAZMAT response teams pre-deployed by the USEPA and the USCG. The USEPA also had pre-deployed special response teams, response specialists, and sampling assets to the area and had secured additional operating space. In order to take full advantage of the pre-deployed resources, multiple training exercises were conducted during the eight day period.

Routine response operations were maintained during this period. There were no DNC related or other incidents requiring USEPA response during this time within the Denver metro area.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Background: The DNC is being held August 25-28, 2008 in Denver, Colorado. In order to be ready in the unlikely case of an incident at the DNC, the USEPA has pre-deployed responders and response equipment to Denver, CO. Operational readiness commenced on August 22, 2008 and continued through August 29, 2008. USEPA Region 8 stood up an IMT and completed planning efforts for the DNC.

1.2 Objectives/Incident Objectives and Command Emphasis

The primary objective of the incident command was to ensure the safety of all personnel deployed within USEPA's command structure. To this end, a joint health and safety plan was prepared and daily safety meetings were held.

Effective communications and information exchange with command posts and staging areas are vital to the success of any incident. Various intel sources were utilized to ensure effective preparation of equipment and staff for response. All communication systems were established, functioning, and backup communications tested. A communications plan was developed and implemented for this period.

USEPA pre-deployed response assets and the IMT to assist local authorities during the DNC events and Denver Metro area with hazardous materials response capabilities.

During the period of the DNC, it was vital to maintain Region-wide 24 hour response readiness and maintain operations at ongoing Removal Actions. All ongoing Removal Actions were adequately staffed. Regular ongoing standby staff were assigned and ready to respond to normal incidents.

Due to the large number and the diversity of the assets available during the pre-deployment, training exercises were conducted for all groups to learn from each other in order to effectively conduct response actions for a large scale incident response.

The assets were pre-deployed with the ultimate objective of response to oil and/or hazardous materials, or weapons of mass destruction at the Pepsi Center or other secure venues.

1.3 Critical Resource Needs

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

1.4 Strategic Considerations

USEPA Region 8 identified a location for the Incident Command Post and Operations personnel and equipment in Denver, CO. The Regional Emergency Operations Center (REOC) was active at the USEPA Region 8 offices (1595 Wynkoop Street). All objectives discussed above were reviewed daily, and modified as needed. A two shift schedule was enacted for the pre-deployment. Shift 1 was from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM and Shift 2 was from 10:00 PM to 10:00 AM.

The Region 8 REOC was staffed during Shift 1 as follows:

- Regional Incident Commander (RIC)
- Deputy Regional Incident Commander (DRIC)
- Situation Unit Leaders (SIT), including Geographic Information Systems (GIS) support personnel
- Environmental Unit Leader (EU) and support personnel including; ERT, CDC(NIOSH) and ASTDR

- Resource Unit Leader (Resources) and support personnel including USCG personnel

The Safety Officer and the Services Branch Director covered the same shift, working in both Operations and at the REOC. The Liaison Officer, the Logistics Section Chief, and the Planning Section Chief worked during Shift 1, and were in the REOC or their regular work area within the building. The Finance Section Chief, the Support Branch Director, and the Time Unit Leader worked normal business hours at their regular duty stations on their typical projects.

2.0 Current Activities (Operations)

2.1 Operations Section Update:

There were a total of five HAZMAT response teams pre-deployed by the USEPA and the USCG. Each team had a complete Level A HAZMAT capable team. These HAZMAT teams were available for hazardous materials operations anywhere in the Denver Metro area. Two teams were comprised of the USEPA and contractor personnel (START or REAC) covering Shift 1. A third team was comprised of the USCG personnel that also covered Shift 1. The fourth team covered Shift 2 and was comprised of one Region 8 OSC, two START contractors, and two USCG personnel. The teams were staged near Building #25 at the Denver Federal Center (DFC) in Lakewood, Colorado. Each Shift 1 team consisted of between nine and eleven personnel, and was capable of stand alone Level A/B/C/D entries, conducting real time air monitoring, all media sampling, technical assistance, initial mitigation, and multi-media documentation. The Shift 2 team was capable of everything the Shift 1 teams are capable of with the exception of requiring assistance from another Federal, State, or local response team for any Level A or B entries.

The fifth team was the USEPA Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training (OCEFT) Homeland Security Division (HSD) Operation Section's National Counterterrorism Evidence Response Team (NCERT). This team was under the control and direction of Mike Cook, HSD Director, and was capable of making up to Level A entries to collect forensic evidence, provide criminal law enforcement, force protection, and other duties, and works closely with the FBI's Hazardous Materials Response Unit.

The USEPA's ERT Trace Atmospheric Gas Analyzer (TAGA) bus was pre-deployed to the DFC. Instruments on the TAGA bus can measure concentrations of pre-selected industrial compounds in the air at the parts-per-billion level as the bus is being driven. The USEPA Region 8 Laboratory in Golden, Colorado, was available during the DNC. The USEPA had a health physicist from the Radiological Emergency Response Team (RERT) working Shift 1 and on-call after hours for radiation response support, and a member of the National Decon Team (NDT) available for decon support. Other resources working Shift 1, and on-call for Shift 2, included a Toxicologist, Health Physicist, ATSDR Representative, NIOSH Representative, and a Science Officer. ERRS contractors were on heightened alert and able to respond within two hours.

The USEPA's Region 8 Mobile Command Post (MCP) was also available for deployment. DHS's ASPECT Aircraft was available to respond if needed. Radiation

monitoring equipment and AreaRaes (stationary chemical detectors) were stored at the USEPA Warehouse for the duration of the DNC.

Metrics:

DAILY OPERATIONS SCHEDULE

2.2 Planning Section

A Planning Section was established. The DNC USEPA Region 8 roster and contact list were finalized, stood up, and can be found in the Communications Plan. The staffing for the Regional EOC was finalized. An exercise schedule for the pre-deployed staff was developed and implemented.

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

The SitReps were updated as necessary through daily essential environmental information reports. Those reports were used for briefing materials and were posted to www.epaosc.net. The situation report contains a complete set of these daily SitReps in appendix A.

2.2.2 Situation Unit

The Situation Unit was established to monitor ongoing event related activities at all levels to document the situation. Updates to the initial SitRep were made on a daily basis. The initial SitRep was issued once during the deployment phase and updated with daily SitRep updates. At no time during the pre-deployment did an event initiate an event specific SitRep. A summary report, containing essential environmental information was developed daily and included in the daily SitRep update report. Tracking of normal regional operations continued with a daily report.

A password protected website (www.epaosc.net) was established by USEPA Region 8 for DNC activities.

Maps of the various venues, strategic points of interest, and lodging sites were created and updated throughout the pre-deployment as necessary.

2.2.3 Resource Unit

One IAP was prepared for the entire pre-deployment at the DNC. At no time during the pre-deployment did it become necessary to prepare a daily IAP. The Resource Unit tracked staff supporting the pre deployment.

2.3 Finance Section

USEPA HQ funding was received and distributed to ERT, NDT, and support contractors. USEPA Region 8 developed specific DNC accounts for time and travel reporting. Schedules were set for normal operations.

2.4 Logistics Section.

The USEPA R8 IMT identified and procured space at the DFC to house the IMT, Operations and equipment. Lodging for 35 USEPA employees was secured.

2.5 Liaison Officer

USEPA Region 8 Liaison Officers (LNOs) are stationed at the following locations during DNC activities:

MACC
USEPA REOC
Denver EOC
FEMA RRCC
CDPHE EHB CC
CDPHE DOC
JIC
FEMA IOF
CO DEM EOC and Hazmat CC

2.6 Public Information Officer

The PIO is working with local and state agencies to publicize the training agenda for local and state responders during the DNC.

2.7 Environment Unit

GIS support staff were identified and mobilized. Baseline ASPECT imagery was incorporated into GIS. Additional Chemistry and SCRIBE expertise were available in the REOC for the Environmental Unit.

The Environment Unit monitored all incidents and tracked any with environmental implications. In addition, daily updates will be provided of all spills that occurred within the region.

2.8 Acronym Listing

ASPECT	Airborne Spectral Photometric Infrared Collection Technology
ATSDR	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
CC	Coordination Center
CDPHE	Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
CDC	Center for Disease Control
DEM	Division of Emergency Management
DNC	Democratic National Convention
DOC	Departmental Operations Center

EHB	Environmental Health Branch
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
ERRS	Emergency Response and Removal Services
ERT	Environmental Response Team
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
GIS	Geographic Information System
ICP	Incident Command Post
IMT	Incident Management Team
IOF	Interim Operating Facility
JHAT	Joint Hazard Assessment Team
JIC	Joint Information Center
MACC	Multi-Agency Coordination Center
MDCC	Multi-Department Coordination Center
NARAC	National Atmospheric Release Advisory Center
NDT	National Decontamination Team
NEIC	National Enforcement Investigation Center
NIOSH	National Institute Occupational Safety and Health
REOC	Regional Emergency Operations Center
RERT	Radiological Emergency Response Team
RRCC	Regional Response Coordination Center
START	Superfund Technical Assessment and Response Team
TAGA	Trace Atmosphere Gas Analyzer
USCG	US Coast Guard
USSS	US Secret Service

Appendix A

Sitrep Update 1 (Monday 8/25/08)

All information presented in this meeting is current as of 10:00 PM Sunday 8/24/08.

For EPA internal meetings – please keep Phones on vibrate.
For additional information call EPA REOC Situation Unit – 303-312-6510.

1.2 Objectives/Incident Objectives and Command Emphasis

The objectives of the Agency during this period will be to:

Objective 1 - Ensure safety of all personnel deployed within EPA's command structure.
Status – No health and safety related incidents in the last 48 hours. Health and safety plan is being reviewed and signed by all entities. Daily safety briefings are being conducted.

Objective 2 – Ensure communications and information exchange with command posts and staging areas.
Status – Communications are established, functioning, and backup communications in place and tested.

Objective 3 – Pre-deployment of Agency response assets and management team to assist local authorities during the DNC events and Denver Metro area hazardous materials response capabilities.
Status – Agency response assets and management team are pre-deployed, and ready to assist.

Objective 4 – Maintain Region-wide 24 hour response readiness and maintain operations at ongoing Removal Actions.
Status – all ongoing Removal Actions are adequately staffed. Regular ongoing standby staff is assigned and ready to respond to normal incidents.

Objective 5 – Conduct response exercises for large scale incident response.
Status – Exercises are being conducted daily. See Operations Section below for details.

Objective 6 – Respond to oil and/or hazardous materials, or weapons of mass destruction at the Pepsi Center or other secure venues.
Status – No responses have been requested at secure venues.

2.0 Current Activities (Operations)

EPA RESPONSE ASSETS (as of 9:00 AM Monday 8/25/08)

- 17 OSCs (R8, R1) – DNC Coverage only
- 69 R8 RSC, SEE, with Management members in 19 IMT positions
- 23 USCG PST members
- 22 Start Members
- 18 ERT/REAC Members
- 1 NDT member
- 1 RERT member
- ASPECT plane with 6 NDT members
- TAGA bus

- ERRS Contractor on standby

Total DNC Response and Management Team Assets: 151
Tactical Resources: 2

2.1 Operations Section Update:

- Operations Section completed set up at Denver Federal Center Building Friday (8/22/08).
- Operations Section is monitoring Denver Web EOC Sunday (8/24/08).

Training Activities:
- USCG performed decontamination training Friday(8/22/08).
- USCG performed Chlorine Kit training (capping repair of chlorine tanks/cylinders) Saturday (8/23/08).
- START equipment show and tell (emphasis mobile chemical analysis) Saturday (8/23/08).
- EPA ERT TAGA bus arrival and demonstration Saturday (8/23/08).
- ERT equipment review and demonstration Sunday (8/24/08).
- USCG air compressor training for SCBA tank refill Sunday (8/24/08).
- Monday (8/25/08) training plan includes NCERT cross training.

- Weather Monday 8/25/08: Sunny in the Morning, Partly Cloudy in afternoon- High upper 80's, slight chance of afternoon rain showers, mostly over the foothills. Some rain storms could be severe.

2.2 Planning Section Update:

- ASPECT aircraft is onsite. The aircraft collected initial data Friday (8/22/08), Saturday (8/23/08), and has completed initial data collection Sunday (8/24/08).
- EPA's REOC shake down complete. All functional areas of command within the REOC are staffed and operational. Friday (8/22/08).
- Normal operations were maintained inside and outside metro Denver (2 spill incidents (250 gallons West of Clear Creek) reported on Friday 8/22/08, 0 incidents reported Saturday 8/23/08, 0 incidents reported Sunday 8/24/08). Currently Hazardous materials transport is restricted on Interstate-25, within downtown Denver Friday (8/22/08).

- Command Operation Center Status:
- MACC stood up Saturday (8/23/08).
- EPA REOC stood up Friday (8/22/08).
- Denver EOC stood up Friday (8/22/08).
- FEMA RRCC stood up Friday (8/22/08).
- CDPHE EHB CC stood up Friday (8/22/08).
- CDPHE DOC stood up Friday (8/22/08).
- JIC stood up Friday (8/22/08).
- FEMA IOF (stood up Friday 8/22/08).
- CO DEM EOC and Hazmat CC (stood up Friday 8/22/08).

- EU assisted DEHB with Scribe database access and training Friday (8/22/08).

2.3 Logistics Update:

- Service Branch reports no unmet requirements.
- Support Branch reports ground support unit fully capable (1 scheduled, 1 standby).

2.4 Liaison Update:

EPA Region 8 liaison staff are in place and checking in as outlined in the approved con ops plan Friday (8/22/08).

2.5 PIO Update:

Regional PIO staff are manned and communications checks were performed Friday (8/22/08).
No media inquiries were made with regional PIO staff on Friday (8/22/08).
PIO monitoring media and coordinating information released by DNC JIC Sunday (8/24/08).

2.6 Current Environmental Issues:

- DFD has investigated the 12 gallons of liquid on 15th between Lawrence and Arapahoe. They have left the scene. No EH Branch Assistance is needed at this time Sunday (8/24/08).

- Two suspicious packages were investigated, hypothetical plume models developed for a hypothetical explosive Saturday (8/23/08).

- One suspicious powder response investigated by JHAT at 17th and Welton, and cleared Saturday (8/23/08).

- 400 Gallons of gasoline were stolen Friday (8/22/08).

- White powder in the letter sent to John McCain's Denver campaign office was deemed non-hazardous Friday (8/22/08).

2.7 Acronyms

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DNC	Democratic National Convention
USSS	US Secret Service
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
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JIC	Joint Information Center
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Sitrep Update 2 (Tuesday 8/26/08)

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Weather for Tuesday 8/26/08: Sunny in the morning, Partly Cloudy in afternoon- High in low 90s, slight chance of afternoon rain showers, mostly over the foothills. Some rain storms could be severe.

2.0 Current Activities (Operations)

EPA RESPONSE ASSETS (as of 9:00 AM Tuesday 8/26/08)

Personnel

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- 18 ERT/REAC Members
- 1 NDT member
- 1 RERT member

Tactical Resources
- 1 NCERT Team (20 special agents and specialists) as needed
- ASPECT plane with 6 NDT members
- TAGA bus
- ERRS Contractor on standby

Total DNC Response and Management Team Assets: 151
Tactical Resources: 3

2.1 Operations Section Update:

- The National Atmospheric Release Advisory Center (NARAC) has established the authorization process for plume models run for the DNC. Plume model requests originate at the MACC. Radiological plume models will be technically reviewed and authorized by NARAC/ DOE before release to DNC participating agencies. Chemical and biological plume models will be technically reviewed and authorized by EPA before release Monday (8/25/08).
- Operation Section completed set up at Denver Federal Center Building Friday (8/22/08).
- Operations Section is monitoring Denver Web EOC Sunday (8/24/08).
- NCERT has 7 agents in downtown area for rapid response.
- NCERT is scheduled to assist in venue sweep and portal support Wednesday and Thursday (8/27/08) and (8/28/08).

<u>Training Activities</u>:

- The USCG provided training on the Chemical and Nerve Agent Detector (APD2000) Monday (8/25/08).
- EPA Region 1 OSCs lead a discussion on the lessons learned from the 2004 DNC held in Boston. Lessons learned included keeping IT and GIS staff on-site, good communication is always necessary, and it is important not to over-train and tire out entry teams Monday (8/25/08).
- NCERT and NEIC conducted an overview on forensic sampling and the laboratory analytical methods used to process environmental evidence at 1400 hours Monday (8/25/08).
- Planned demonstration activities for Channel 4 news team visit include tours of TAGA, EPA mobile analysis vehicles, a level C sampling demonstration and a decontamination line demonstration Tuesday (8/26/08).
- Operations plans additional radiation instrument training on Tuesday afternoon. This will involve all region and special teams (8/26/08).

2.2 Planning Section Update:

- EPA's REOC shake down complete.
- Normal operations were maintained inside and outside metro Denver. One incident (minor oil spill in North Dakota) was reported Monday (8/25/08).

Current Command Operation Centers:

- MACC
- EPA REOC
- Denver EOC
- FEMA RRCC
- CDPHE EHB CC
- CDPHE DOC
- JIC
- FEMA IOF
- CO DEM EOC and Hazmat CC

2.3 Logistics Update:

- USDOE Radiation sweep of venue sites is expected for Wednesday (8/27/08) and Thursday (8/28/08).

2.4 Liaison Update:

- EPA Region 8 liaison staff is in place and checking in as outlined in the approved incident and con ops plans.

2.5 PIO Update:

- PIO staff preparing fact sheet for release Monday (8/25/08).
- PIO continues monitoring media and coordinating information released by DNC JIC.
- **Local Television News (channel 4) to visit Denver Federal Center to do a story on the pre-deployed EPA assets 1300-1400 Tuesday (8/26/08)**.

2.6 Current Environmental Issues:

- Several closed roads have been reopened due to lack of protest parade participation. Overall numbers of participants have been around 500, much less than the 50,000 the protest groups predicted. The city has determined the threat of disruption of the DNC may be more of a façade than an actual threat Monday (8/25/08).

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JHAT	Joint Hazard Assessment Team
ATSDR	Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry
ASPECT	Airborne Spectral Photometric Infrared Collection Technology
NEIC	National Enforcement Investigation Center

Sitrep Update 3 (Wednesday 8/27/08)

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Objective 5 – Conduct response exercises for large scale incident response.
Status – Exercises are being conducted daily. See Operations Section below for details.

Objective 6 – Respond to oil and/or hazardous materials, or weapons of mass destruction at the Pepsi Center or other secure venues.
Status – No responses have been requested at secure venues.

Weather for Wednesday 8/27/08: A cold front moves through the area Tuesday night. Sunny in the morning, Mostly Cloudy in afternoon- High in mid 70s, southeast winds could reach 10-15 mph in the afternoon.

2.0 Current Activities (Operations)

EPA RESPONSE ASSETS (as of 09:00 AM Wednesday 8/27/08)

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Tactical Resources
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- ERRS Contractor on standby

Total DNC Response and Management Team Assets: 151
Tactical Resources: 4

2.1 Operations Section Update:

- Operation Section completed set up at Denver Federal Center Building Friday (8/22/08).
- Operations Section is monitoring Denver Web EOC Sunday (8/24/08).
- NCERT has 7 agents in downtown area for rapid response Tuesday (8/26/08).
- NCERT is scheduled to assist in venue sweep and portal support Wednesday and Thursday (8/27/08) and (8/28/08).
- Operations unit tracked an unknown white powder response through the IMCC at a Denver commuter train station. Incident was resolved as baking soda. Tuesday (8/26/08).

<u>Training Activities</u>:

- A demonstration of the US Coast Guard's command trailer, ERT's TAGA, EPA Region 8's mobile analysis vehicles, a level C sampling demonstration and a decontamination line demonstration was conducted for Channel 4 (local CBS) News. The story was broadcast on the 6:45 news Tuesday (8/26/08).
- Additional Rad Net and radiation instrument training was conducted on Tuesday afternoon. This involved all regional and special teams. Sources of radiation were hidden (varying from 2 inch to pinhead size) throughout the old steam plant. Rad Net and Radiation instrumentation was used to find and identify the radioisotopes (8/26/08).
- A toluene fire occurred in Commerce City (the industrial suburb north east of downtown Denver). EPA took advantage of the fire scenario to exercise coordination with DEH and its operational and REOC resources. The REOC contribution is described in the Environmental Unit update below. The Operations Section Chief ordered Area RAEs to monitor the exercise plume perimeter, mobilization of the TAGA bus for sensitive receptor monitoring, and Summa canisters for analytical confirmation sampling.
- NCERT plans on conducting a tabletop based on the Fire Incident yesterday. The exercise will involve all EPA operational entities Wednesday (8/27/08).
- The ERT TAGA will be driving to CDPHE DOC for a tour this afternoon at 1400. The TAGA will then join with the Regional Level A truck to visit the HMCC after the DOC tour Wednesday (8/27/08)

2.2 Planning Section Update:

- EPA's REOC shake down complete (Friday 8/22/08).
- NCERT visited REOC, was introduced to command staff, and got a general tour of the site Tuesday (8/26/08).
- Normal operations were maintained inside and outside metro Denver. Four spill events were reported Tuesday (8/26/08). 4 Spill events occurred outside of Metro Denver Tuesday (8/26/08).

Current Command Operation Centers:

- MACC
- EPA REOC
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2.3 Finance Update:

- Finance established time tracking procedures for all IMT staff and radiation monitoring volunteers. Time unit continues to support PeoplePlus entry for those working special schedules. PeoplePlus reopened Tuesday (8/26/08) but is back down Wed morning (8/27). PeoplePlus will be adjusted for overtime worked on Thursday – Friday (8/28/08-8/29/08) in the subsequent pay period.
- R8 received $23k from OSWER for travel funding for NCERT staff; R8 coordinated with NEIC on Govtrip processing for these folks.
- Contracts unit authorized procurement of miscellaneous needs for Operations Section Tuesday (8/26/08).
- HR staff continue to clarify hours of work questions as they arise (e.g., "on call" status is not paid) Tuesday (8/26/08).

2.4 Logistics Update:

- USDOE Radiation sweep of venue sites is expected for today, Wednesday (8/27/08) and Thursday (8/28/08).
- Shuttle transportation will be provided for both venue teams Wednesday (8/27/08) and Thursday (8/28/08).
- One shuttle van had a breakdown, but was replaced with a better vehicle Tuesday (8/26/08).

2.5 Liaison Update:

- EPA Region 8 liaison staff is in place and liaising as outlined in the approved incident and con ops plans.

2.6 PIO Update:

- PIO staff preparing fact sheet that was released Monday (8/25/08).
- PIO continues monitoring media and coordinating information released by DNC JIC.
- **Local Television News (CBS channel 4) visited Denver Federal Center to do a story on the pre-deployed EPA assets 1300-1400 Tuesday. Story aired at 6:45 PM on Tuesday and is available on the CBS News 4 website and search for EPA (8/26/08)**.

2.7 Current Environmental Issues:

- A toluene fire occurred in Commerce City (the industrial suburb north east of downtown Denver). Conflicting release reports were received from various entities. The initial report described the release as "it's probably just gas". This was followed by a report of a chemical explosion. Responding fire companies then reported actual event was a toluene fire. The facility and Adams County fire reported the fire was quickly extinguished and a cleanup was in process. Cleanup success is being verified with Toluene "sniffers" Tuesday (8/26/08).
- Denver DEH took advantage of the fire to exercise plume models with EPA's NARAC support. Denver DEH generated an IMAAC model of the hypothetical release. This was reviewed by EPA's Environmental Unit in the REOC. A GIS map, exercise data management, exercise coordination with NEIC for sample analysis, and consultation to DEH was provided from the REOC Tuesday (8/26/08).
- 4 Spill events occurred outside of Metro Denver. The first was a diesel spill from a saddle tank onto roadway in Commerce City Tuesday (8/26/08).
- A hydrogen sulfide release from a compressor station occurred in Beulah, North Dakota Tuesday (8/26/08).
- A fire at a fireworks stand caused a release of natural gas from a nearby meter in Evanston, Wyoming Tuesday (8/26/08).
- A refinery in Riverton, Wyoming released a small amount of Sulfur Trioxide when a power failure forced a plant shutdown. Tuesday (8/26/08).

2.8 Building Security Information:

- No Significant Events.

2.9 Acronyms

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Draft Sitrep Update 4 (Thursday 8/28/08)

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1.5 Objectives/Incident Objectives and Command Emphasis

The objectives of the Agency during this period will be to:

Objective 1 - Ensure safety of all personnel deployed within EPA's command structure from pernicious chemicals, radiation, or biological agents.
Status – No health and safety related incidents in the last 48 hours. Health and safety plan has been reviewed and signed by all entities. Daily safety briefings are being conducted.

Objective 2 – Ensure communications and information exchange with command posts and staging areas.
Status – Communications are established, functioning, and backup communications in place and tested.

Objective 3 – Pre-deployment of Agency response assets and management team to assist local authorities during the DNC events and Denver Metro area hazardous materials response capabilities.
Status – Agency response assets and management team are pre-deployed, and ready to assist.

Objective 4 – Maintain Region-wide 24 hour response readiness and maintain operations at ongoing Removal Actions.
Status – all ongoing Removal Actions are adequately staffed. Regular ongoing standby staff is assigned and ready to respond to normal incidents.

Objective 5 – Conduct response exercises for large scale incident response.
Status – Exercises are being conducted daily. See Operations Section below for details.

Objective 6 – Respond to oil and/or hazardous materials, or weapons of mass destruction at the Pepsi Center or other secure venues.
Status – No responses have been requested at secure venues.

Weather for Thursday 8/28/08: Sunny all day, scattered clouds in afternoon- High in mid 80s.

2.0 Current Activities (Operations)

EPA RESPONSE ASSETS (as of 09:00 AM Wednesday 8/27/08)

Personnel

- 17 OSCs (R8, R1) – DNC Coverage only
- 69 R8 RSC, SEE, with Management members in 19 IMT positions
- 23 USCG PST members
- 22 Start Members
- 18 ERT/REAC Members

- 1 NDT member
- 1 RERT member

Tactical Resources
- 1 NCERT Team (20 special agents and specialists) as needed
- ASPECT plane with 6 NDT members
- TAGA bus
- ERRS Contractor on standby

Total DNC Response and Management Team Assets: 151
Tactical Resources: 4

2.1 Operations Section Update:

- Operation Section completed set up at Denver Federal Center Building Friday (8/22/08).
- Operations Section is monitoring Denver Web EOC Sunday (8/24/08).
- NCERT has 7 agents in downtown area for rapid response Tuesday (8/26/08).
- NCERT is scheduled to assisted in venue sweep on Wednesday evening (8/27/08) and will support portal screening today Thursday (8/28/08).

Training Activities:

- A demonstration of the US Coast Guard's command trailer, ERT's TAGA the EPA Region 8's mobile analysis vehicle was given to the CDPHE DOC and AMCC today. Wednesday (8/27/08).
- NCERT, NEIC, and Region 8 Operations conducted a tabletop based on the Fire Incident at the industrial site in Commerce City Wednesday (8/27/08).
- A radiation exercise was conducted. Sources of radiation were hidden (varying from 2 inch to pinhead size) throughout the old steam plant. Radiation instrumentation was used to find and identify the radioisotopes Wednesday (8/27/08).
- The DEH, USCG, START and REAC-ERT attended a decontamination seminar at 1300. The seminar was presented by the National Decon Team, and covered biological decontamination using vacuuming, cleaning with chemicals, and fumigating Wednesday (8/27/08).

2.2 Planning Section Update:

- EPA's REOC shake down complete (Friday 8/22/08).
- Normal operations were maintained inside and outside metro Denver. Four spill events were reported Tuesday (8/26/08). 4 Spill events occurred outside of Metro Denver Tuesday (8/26/08).

Current Command Operation Centers:

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- EPA REOC
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- CO DEM EOC and Hazmat CC

2.3 Finance Update:

- Finance unit support to the operation continue, entering time into PeoplePlus, providing guidance and answering questions.

2.4 Logistics Update:

- USDOE Radiation sweep of venue sites was conducted today, Wednesday (8/27/08) and additional sweep activities will be conducted Thursday (8/28/08).
- Shuttle transportation was be provided for both venue teams Wednesday (8/27/08) and will be provided today Thursday (8/28/08).

2.5 Liaison Update:

- EPA Region 8 liaison staff is in place and liaising as outlined in the approved incident and con ops plans.

2.6 PIO Update:

- PIO staff preparing fact sheet that was released Monday (8/25/08).
- PIO continues monitoring media and coordinating information released by DNC JIC.
- **Local Television News (CBS channel 4) visited Denver Federal Center to do a story on the pre-deployed EPA assets 1300-1400 Tuesday. Story aired at 6:45 PM on Tuesday and is available on the CBS News 4 website and search for EPA (8/26/08)**.

2.7 Current Environmental Issues:

- Procedures for allowing the ASPECT into the temporary flight restricted air space near the secure venues were verified on Wednesday (8/27/08). During the Vice President nominee Biden Speech on Wednesday (8/27/08) and the President Nominee Obama Speech (8/28/08) the ASPECT aircraft will be flying near the restricted air space. Verification of MACC permission to enter the space is required on any tasking. Flight and reporting procedures were verified along with communication links. Current planning is for aircraft to be on station at 18:30 and be available for taking for 3 hours.
- A protestor released soap into a fountain in Skyline Park. City officials requested EPA REOC assistance in appropriate sampling and analytical methods to determine if Denver could discharge the water. It was finally decided to not discharge the water, and the fountain resumed normal operations Wednesday (8/27/08).
- 5 minor oil related spill events occurred outside of Metro Denver. None of the spills were significant, and were scattered around Wyoming and Colorado Wednesday (8/26/08).

2.8 Building Security Information:

- A large march of protestors, costumed popinjays, anarchists, and demonstrators (estimated 3500 people) from Denver Coliseum to downtown caused the FPS and NCERT to activate in order to ensure protection of EPA building and staff. The march passed peacefully and the security stood down after 1.5 hours Wednesday (8/27/08).

- No Significant Events.

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Sitrep Update 5 (Friday 8/29/08)

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- NCERT is scheduled to assisted in venue sweep on Wednesday evening (8/27/08) and will support portal screening today Thursday (8/28/08).
- All EPA staff with GETS cards tested them on Thursday (8/28/08).

Training Activities:

- A demonstration of the US Coast Guard's command trailer, ERT's TAGA, EPA Region 8's mobile analysis vehicles, a level C sampling demonstration and a decontamination line demonstration was conducted for the FEMA Regional Administrator (Garry Briese) and other representatives Thursday (8/28/08).
- DEH, USCG, START, REAC/EPA-ERT attended a REAC air sampling training. The seminar covered sampling strategies, methodologies, and detection limits Thursday (8/28/08).
- All operational entities did a review of Biowatch procedures and inventoried equipment Thursday (8/28/08).
- Demobilization is planned for Friday (8/29/08).

- A summary of all training is conducted during the DNC is summarized in the table below.

Date	Training Activity	Training Host	Training Participants	# of Attendees
8/22/2008	Decontamination Training	USCG	DEH, USCG, REAC-ERT, EPA, START	40-45 people
8/23/2008	USCG performed Chlorine Kit training (capping repair of chlorine tanks/cylinders)	USCG	DEH, USCG, REAC-ERT, EPA, START	40-45 people
8/23/2008	START Equipment Review and Demondstration	START	DEH, USCG, REAC-ERT, EPA, START	40-45 people
8/23/2008	TAGA Bus arrival and demonstration	EPA ERT	DEH, USCG, REAC-ERT, EPA	40-45 people
8/24/2008	ERT Equipment Review and Demonstration	ERT	DEH, USCG, REAC-ERT, EPA, START	40-45 people
8/24/2008	Air compressor training for refilling SCBA tank	USCG	DEH, USCG, REAC-ERT, EPA	40-45 people
8/25/2008	Chemical and Nerve Agent Detector training	USCG	DEH, USCG, REAC-ERT, EPA, START	40-45 people
8/25/2008	Region 1 Lessons Learned from 2004 DNC	Region 1 OSCs (EPA)	DEH, USCG, REAC-ERT, EPA, START	40-45 people
8/25/2008	NCERT and NEIC overview on forensic sampling and laboratory analytical methods	NCERT	DEH, USCG, REAC-ERT, EPA, START	40-45 people
8/26/2008	Rad Net Training	RERT	DEH, USCG, REAC-ERT, EPA, START	40-45 people
8/26/2008	Radiation instrument training including radiation souce "Easter Egg Hunt" in old steam plant	EPA/ 3 START	DEH, USCG, REAC-ERT, EPA	40-45 people
8/27/2008	Demonstration of resources to Channel 4 (CBS)	USCG/ERT/EPA	DEH, USCG, REAC-ERT, EPA, START	40-45 people
8/27/2008	Demonstration of resources to CDPHE DOC and AMCC	USCG/ERT/EPA	DEH, USCG, REAC-ERT, EPA	40-45 people
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8/27/2008	Tabletop exercise based off of Toluene fire in Commerce City	NCERT	DEH, USCG, REAC-ERT, EPA	40-45 people
8/27/2008	Decontamination Seminar	NDT	DEH, USCG, REAC-ERT, EPA, START	40-45 people
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2.3 Finance Update:

- Actual time worked on Thursday (8/28/08) and Friday (8/29/08) should be reported to finance (Maryanne Rule and Carol McNeill) next week for recording in PeoplePlus. All outstanding pay issues have been resolved Friday (8/29/08).

2.4 Logistics Update:

- USDOE Radiation sweep of venue sites was conducted today, Wednesday (8/27/08) and additional sweep activities were planned for Thursday (8/28/08). Logistical issues delayed the mission from the original schedule, however activities were completed to DOE's satisfaction Thursday (8/28/08).
- Shuttle transportation was provided for both venue teams Wednesday (8/27/08) and will be provided today Thursday (8/28/08).
- Received notification from venue security volunteer workers & dispatched drivers for recovery of teams. Completed recovery of all venue security volunteers Friday (8/29/08).

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- 2 minor oil related spill events occurred outside of Metro Denver. None of the spills were significant, and occurred in North Dakota and Utah Thursday (8/28/08).
- A spill of an unknown amount of fuel from a carburetor holding tank spilled and caught fire when the tank fell from a loader at a metals recycling facility in Salt Lake City, Utah. The fuel caught on fire, endangering a nearby tank farm. Fire Department successfully put out the fire Thursday (8/28/08).
- 725 lbs of hydrogen sulfide was released from a gasification plant in Beulah, ND. The hydrogen sulfide was released from the flare due to a compressor failure. Intermittent flatulent releases were monitored by the facility as the compressor was repaired Thursday (8/28/08).

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