

**Omaha/Council Bluffs Sub-area Committee Meeting
Meeting Minutes**

Sarpy County Administration Conference Rooms A & B

Sarpy County Administration Building (Upper Level)

1210 Golden Gate Drive,

Papillion, NE 68046

October 31, 2012 1:30-3:30PM

Member Updates

An ethanol exercise which included boom deployment and other hands on activities was recently held in Montrose, IA. Participation levels were high and the exercise was well received by all. The exercise demonstrated how to create temporary damming and flow structures for all participants. A combined exercise led by the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) a similar exercise four to five years ago in the Omaha metropolitan area which was very well received. EPA has been able to train 800-900 individuals using this exercise platform, which has a very low cost. The training contained in the exercise series is not a common exercise and does not come around that often, making the exercise a beneficial piece to the exercise planning cycle. A plan to put a similar exercise on the agenda for the O/CB Sub-Area is now in the works to hold a similar exercise in the July to August, 2013 timeframe. Sub-Area members will report back at the next Sub-Area Meeting with plausible dates on the calendars.

Exercise planning would necessarily be conducted in coordination with the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management exercise planning cycle. The O/CB Sub-Area decided that development of exercises would be scheduled accordingly, to ensure maximum participation and make sure that no conflicts were presented by exercise scheduling.

A dredging vessel sank by Deer Island near Little Sioux, IA on the Missouri River. 3000 gallons of diesel fuel were aboard the dredge when it sank, however, very little actually leaked out to contaminate the water. The dredge sank overnight and was not discovered to be so until the following morning. A small amount of oil escaped from the engine room, but most of the vessel's reserves were not breached.

The Safeguard Iowa Partnership, a non-governmental organization focused on development of emergency management coordination between private industry and public sector entities, has expressed interest in attending future O/CB Sub-Area meetings. Development of Safeguard Iowa Partnership in the Omaha/Council Bluffs area has not been heavily actuated, due to their centralization in the Des Moines, IA area. However, the contact for Safeguard Iowa Partnership, Jami Haberl, is looking forward to growing the organization's participation in the area.

SACP Development

The SACP as a finalized document is presently undergoing revisions. The O/CB Sub-Area Contingency Plan (SACP) has recently been updated with changes to the emergency response teams available on the federal level to environmental responses. These teams are mainly developed from the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) abilities on a national level. The addition of previously mapped areas as attachments will meet requirements found in the Area Contingency Plan Handbook (ACPH). A lateral comparison of the O/CB SACP and the ACPH showed that development of preplanning initiatives and vulnerabilities and hazards assessment within the Sub-Area would benefit the SACP. Incident Action Plan (IAP) predevelopment for vulnerabilities and threats in the Sub-Area was discussed.

Vulnerabilities within the area can also be mapped out, with possible preplanned responses to incidents occurring at these locations. Inclusion of private sector regulated facilities in contingency planning development was discussed as Anhydrous Ammonia industry in the area and the Fort Calhoun Nuclear Generating Station could both play a key role in contingency planning for the O/CB Sub-Area. Vulnerability targeting within the Sub-Area will also require the development of a methodology for sorting and determining vulnerability of infrastructure, facilities, and environments. A possible metric to measure vulnerability and threat discussed was by Tier II reporting; by taking the top ten facilities from the Tier II data for the area, and planning for such as the top ten vulnerabilities in the area, O/CB Sub-Area would be able to quickly begin planning efforts and perfect a template for the hazard and vulnerability assessment process.

Sub-Area Members should always feel free to contact Jeff Pritchard with the EPA START contract with any updates to the Sub-Area Contingency Plan or Contacts List that you deem necessary.

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