Regional TEPP Updates

CSG-Midwest Meeting
December 7, 2010
Recent MERRTT Training Updates
Improvements
&
Argonne National Laboratory
Test Fuel Shipments
2010 MERRTT Program Improvements

- 2010 MERRTT Release Date 10/15/09
- Implemented changes were based on exercise findings, student and instructor feedback
  - Revise all supporting training video clips to improve quality
  - Textbook practical added for the PIO Module
  - Picture Response Practical added as another Day 2 hands-on activity
Continuous Improvement Efforts

- A crosscheck of NFPA 472 competencies was conducted to verify radiological agent specific training competencies are adequately covered in MERRTT
  - All but three competencies for the awareness and operations level requirements are adequately covered in MERRTT
  - Those three competencies were incorporated into the 2010 MERRTT
  - Only a few competencies listed in the Agent Specific (AS) and Technician (T) portion of the standard were adequately covered in MERRTT
TEPP Training Programs

• Compressed MERRRTT – existing 8 hour program used at conferences and as a refresher (classroom/hands-on activities)
• Independent Study MERRRTT 302 – existing online program also used as a refresher (independent study)
• MERRRTT – existing 16 hour program that is includes 16 modules, 5 hands-on, and 4 textbook practical activities
TEPP Training Programs

- Technician MERRTT – 8 hour program under development. Developed for technician level responders. MERRTT is a prerequisite

- Radiation Specialist Program – 40 hour program offered to radiation authority or advance hazardous material team type responders.

- Radiological Training for Hospital Personnel 346 - existing FEMA program. Offered by TEPP in conjunction with TEPP exercises.
Argonne National Laboratory
Test Fuel Shipments

• Argonne is reducing its nuclear footprint & closing facilities; which is requiring radioactive shipments from the Laboratory

• One planned shipment is test fuel specimen which is being managed as a “Spent Nuclear Fuel Transport” and will meet all DOT rules

• DOE approved Transportation Plan has been developed and shared with States for their input; TRANSCOM will monitor the shipment in transit