Council of State Governments - Midwest Transportation Emergency Preparedness Program (TEPP) Update

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Discussion Topics

- TEPP’s Mission
- FY 2022 Training Activities
- Upcoming Training Activities
- Program Improvements
- Agency Cooperation
- Website Resources
TEPP’s mission is to ensure that federal, state, tribal, and local responders have access to the plans, training, and technical assistance necessary to safely, efficiently, and effectively respond to transportation accidents involving DOE-owned radioactive materials. To accomplish this mission, a suite of tools have been developed to aid the response jurisdictions in their readiness activities.
FY 2022 National Training Activities

• Completed training sessions and headcount in FY 2022 by Regional Government Group
  ✓ **Western** – 31 classes by DOE and 4 by state instructors with 571 students attending
  ✓ **Midwest** – 2 class by DOE and 4 by state instructors with 112 students attending
  ✓ **Northeast** – 20 classes by DOE and 1 by state instructors with 343 students attending
  ✓ **Southern** – 51 classes by DOE and 5 by state instructors with 799 students attending
Based on available funding, TEPP plans to conduct the following training sessions for FY 2023 across the Midwest States:

- ~ 20 MERRTT or CMERRTT sessions
- ~ 10 TMERRTT sessions
- ~ 2 Hospital sessions
- ~ 1 Radiation Specialist
Upcoming Training Activities

• Upcoming Events
  • October 10\textsuperscript{th} through the 12\textsuperscript{th}, three CMERRTT sessions in Cleveland, OH at the Fire Training Academy
  • October 26\textsuperscript{th} and 27\textsuperscript{th}, a MERRTT session in Ankeny, IA at the DCI Criminalistics Laboratory
  • February 21\textsuperscript{st} through the 23\textsuperscript{rd}, a MERRTT and a TMERRTT session in Rapid City, SD at the Rapid City/Pennington County Emergency Operations Center
Program Improvements

• Online MERRTT Refresher Training - follow the link from www.teppinfo.com
Program Improvements

• Job Aids
  • First Responder and Hazardous Materials Responder Dressup and Dressdown Decontamination
  • Law Enforcement Officer Dressdown Decontamination
  • Emergency Medical Services Patient Handling Gross Decontamination (draft)
  • Hospital Care Providers (draft)
Agency Cooperation

• TEPP continues to work with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) through the Technical Committee on Hazardous Materials Response Personnel
Agency Cooperation

- Integrates NFPA 472, 473, and 1072 into a single standard
- Consolidates and unifies NFPA standards with similar content
- Goal is to increase usability, reduce errors and conflicts, and ultimately produce higher quality standards
Important additions:

- Chapter 8.10: Competencies for Ops-Level Responders Assigned Mission Specific Responsibilities: Radiological Hazard-Specific Tasks (formerly Appendix D)
- Chapter 9.10: The matching Professional Qualifications for 8.10
- Chapter 33: Professional Qualifications for Technicians with a Radiological Hazard Specialty
Agency Cooperation

• NNSA – Office of Secure Transportation
  • Provides safe and secure transportation of nuclear weapons, nuclear weapons components, and special nuclear material in support of the National Security of the United States of America
Agency Cooperation

- FEMA/CDP in Anniston, AL
  - Continue to offer MERRTT as a part of the FEMA Radiological Instructor Series
Website Resources

• TEPP website provides one-stop for information
  • National Training and Exercise Schedule
  • State 24-Hour Points of Contact
  • Needs Assessment
  • Model Procedures
  • Exercise Planning Resources
  • TEPP Regional Coordinators

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