

Emergency Preparedness: Observations from August Drill

- Observation that EOC, JIC and public process release info. not always the same
- How social media contributes to info. flow (could be helpful or problematic)

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Emergency Preparedness: Suggestions

1. Quickly determine and use a consistent name for the incident
2. Reinforce website use
3. Engage and train workers on site
4. Share siren info. / other info. with the community
5. Film an incident/ drill and play it back to show capability and operation – publicly available
6. Site transportation an important consideration (item 3c on next steps handout)

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Emergency Preparedness: Suggestions (cont.)

7. Other info. to learn:
 - Scenarios: Power failure, other communication awareness, bomb threat, etc.
 - Questions citizens might have – try to answer them in determining info. public needs and how to get this to them
 - What the “hazards” actually are (health, public perception, cleanup, etc.)
 - Lessons learned from Fukushima

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Emergency Preparedness: Suggestions (cont.)

8. Ensure public knows what systems are in place, how they work, how public gets informed
9. Clarify what counties are responsible for vs. DOE in emergency response – who is responsible for what (answer black box question)?

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Emergency Preparedness: Potential next steps

1. Better understanding of “black box”
2. Visit DOE, Benton County EOC & JIC (have HSEP mtg in Fed. Bldg)
3. Chain of command questions with “military” situations

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Follow-Up Discussion: Safety Culture

1. Process to keep safety basis up to date (full site)
2. Research employee concerns and follow up
3. Integration between agency and contractor safety culture teams/councils
4. Still need to really discuss what the term “safety culture” means

Safety Culture Next Steps

- More discussion at future meeting (issue raised in meeting)
 - Behavioral side
 - How people can raise issues and get response
 - How to ferret out news items and proactively address
 - Committee goal – tie to work plan

Next Steps: Safety Systems at Tank Farms

- Learn about findings from HSS report from upcoming December – January visits

Follow Up

- Confirm if HSS assessments are posted/publically available (*yes – confirmed during mtg*)
 - Sharon to provide link to Susan H. to distribute to the committee

November Committee Call Topics

- 3 month work plan
 - Does C-107 incident fit on work plan?