



# EP on the Move



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U.S. Department of Energy, Transportation Emergency Preparedness Program

## Transportation Emergency Preparedness Program (TEPP) Coordinators Meet to Review Progress

TEPP Region 4 hosted a TEPP regional meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico on November 16-17, 2000. TEPP coordinators discussed TEPP implementation efforts and training issues, then presented an overview of activities occurring in each region.

Representatives from the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) met with the TEPP Coordinators and outlined the WIPP training given to first responders along WIPP transportation corridors. The WIPP training, known as "States and Tribal Education Program," covers objectives similar to those found in the Modular Emergency Response Radiological Transportation Training (MERRTT). The WIPP training and MERRTT prepare emergency responders for transportation incidents involving radiological material. The meeting attendees agreed to consider merging WIPP and MERRTT materials.

A small group was formed to develop an approach for accomplishing the merger. The TEPP Coordinators, WIPP representatives, and stakeholders will review the proposed path forward at the Transportation External Coordination Working Group (TEC) meeting in Portland, Oregon in February 2001. ♦



### MERRTT TRAIN-THE-TRAINER SCHEDULE

Date	Location	Point of Contact
Feb. 2001	Des Moines, IA	Region 5, Noelle Kostecki
Mar. 2001	Texas	Region 4, Anna Bachicha
Mar. 8, 2001	Las Vegas, NV	Region 6, Stacey Madson
Mar. 26-30, 2001	Louisiana	Region 2, Brady Lester
Apr. 2001	Arizona	Region 4, Anna Bachicha
Apr. 2001	New Mexico	Region 4, Anna Bachicha
Apr. 2001	West Virginia	Region 2, Brady Lester
Apr. 26-27, 2001	Tuscaloosa, AL	Region 3, Christina Edwards

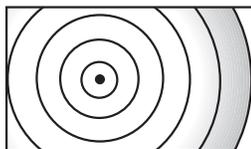
## Joint TEPP Regional Meeting and Workshop

During March 6-8, 2001, TEPP Regions 4, 6, 7, and 8 will host the first annual joint TEPP Workshop in Las Vegas, Nevada. The workshop will start with an in-depth look at the integration of TEPP with the National Transportation Program, Department of Transportation initiatives, and other preparedness activities across the complex. A panel of stakeholders and representatives from DOE will discuss transportation roles and responsibilities. The workshop will also explore how to enhance the role of science in stakeholder-based risk management decisions. The workshop will conclude by offering both a MERRTT train-the-trainer and an awareness-level training session for first responders. ♦

# Compendium of Federal Radiological Training

Several federal agencies produce training that outlines the basic principles of radiation and the emergency response actions required during an incident involving radioactive material. Radiological training maintained by DOE, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is described in the draft Compendium of Federal Radiological Training. The training descriptions include enabling objectives, target audience, and training duration. Draft copies of the compendium were distributed to the Training and Medical Training Issues Topic Group of the TEC in July 2000.

To enhance the compendium's usefulness, FEMA created a training matrix to assist organizations, individuals, or agencies in deciding which course, module, or activity best meets their training needs. The training matrix identifies comparable training courses, then lists them by their associated Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) competency level (i.e., awareness, technician, operations, specialist, command). State, tribal, and local training program managers may select various combinations of training materials from several agencies to meet the OSHA competencies relative to radiological incident response. The training matrix combined with the compendium will help training managers select the most appropriate training and reduce the scheduling of redundant training. ♦



## Regional Activities

### TEPP Region 1

TEPP implementation continues in Region 1 through planning efforts and meetings. In Connecticut, Region 1 has completed preliminary needs assessments with both an environmental protection and an emergency management agency. Region 1 discussed with Rhode Island the versatility of TEPP planning tools. Region 1 has also provided an electronic copy of their regional TEPP plan for possible incorporation into the Massachusetts Nuclear Incident Advisory Team Handbook.

From October 12-13, 2000, Region 1 hosted a combination kickoff meeting and a MERRTT train-the-trainer session in Smyrna, Delaware. Representatives from Connecticut, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island participated in the meeting. The attendees were informed of TEPP implementation activities, the emergency response assets available through the DOE Radiological Assistance Program, and the way in which the MERRTT training modules might fit into their state training program.

### TEPP Region 2

Region 2 participated in a planning session with representatives from the State of Louisiana, the Mississippi Department of Health, and the State of Louisiana Emergency Management Agency and Radiological Health Department. Also, Region 2 met in November 2000 with members of the Mississippi Department of Health, the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, the Mississippi Department of Transportation, and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. A regional meeting has been tentatively scheduled for March 2001 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Region 2 has been developing tools to enhance communications in the region and has completed an *Emergency Public Information Pocket Guide* and distributed it to Region 2 points of contact. A *Train-the-Trainer Pocket Guide*, which offers tips on delivering presentations, was created for use when conducting MERRTT train-the-trainer sessions. The pocket guide is available upon request. For efficient use of electronic messages, a listserv is being implemented for the emergency response agencies and identified regional points of contact.

Region 2 presented two MERRTT train-the-trainer sessions for the Kentucky Emergency Management Agency—one in Princeton, the other in Frankfort. The attendees represented various fire department, emergency management agencies, and enforcement personnel. The instruction covered all of the MERRTT materials plus an overview of exercise design and instruction on adult learning principles. Attendees also received a copy of the *Train-the-Trainer Pocket Guide*.

### TEPP Region 3

Region 3 completed several planning activities with state and local officials. This included attendance at six meetings with the South Carolina Emergency Preparedness Division (SCEPD), and the Aiken County and the Barnwell County officials to continue discussing the Spent Nuclear Fuel shipment exercise referred to as the Aiken Barnwell TEPP (ABTEPP) dual county exercise. In addition to the ABTEPP planning meetings, Region 3 has attended numerous meetings in both counties and provided presentations on the dual county exercise to fire chiefs, firefighters' associations, law enforcement and emergency medical personnel, and the Local Emergency Planning Committee. The ABTEPP training and exercise schedule is posted on the Aiken County Hazardous Materials Team web site ([www.hazmatteam.com](http://www.hazmatteam.com) under the Activities link).

On October 11, 2000, Region 3 attended the Southern States Energy Board Transuranic Waste Transportation Working Group meeting in Augusta, Georgia. Region 3 recently coordinated information and activities in preparation for the successful completion of two Foreign Research Reactor Spent Nuclear Fuel shipments from Charleston, South Carolina to the DOE Savannah River Site.

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*MERRTT  
train-the-trainer  
delivered in South  
Carolina.*

In coordination with the SCEPD, Region 3 delivered a MERRTT program training session on October 25, 2000. MERRTT modules one through six were presented to 19 students representing various South Carolina agencies. Efforts are currently underway with officials from Alabama and South Carolina to deliver MERRTT.

### **TEPP Region 4**

Region 4 has three MERRTT sessions scheduled for the first quarter of 2001. The training will be provided to a variety of emergency preparedness organizations: the Radiological Emergency Preparedness' Bureau of Radiation Control in the Texas Department of Health; the Fort Mojave and Navajo nations, sponsored through the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona; and the University of New Mexico Hospital, Safety, Health and Environment organization. The University of New Mexico Hospital is the only level-1 trauma center in the state.

Region 4 is working with the State of Arizona Department of Emergency Management and local emergency responders in the Lake Havasu, Arizona-area to provide MERRTT train-the-trainer sessions.

### **TEPP Region 5**

A concerted effort is underway to collect and maintain an up-to-date database of regional stakeholders. This database will serve as the membership roster for the Region 5 listserv that will allow more cost-effective and timely distribution of information. A trial run is planned for January 2001. Region 5 also distributed copies of the *Emergency Public Information Pocket Guide* to attendees of the Region 5 TEPP conference and to regional points of contact.

On November 30, the Iowa Department of Public Health met with Region 5 to customize a comprehensive MERRTT train-

the-trainer session for instructors in Iowa. The meeting began with a review of Iowa-specific information (i.e., transportation routes, resources allocated or planned, types of training delivered, and plans for motor vehicle assistance). Training materials offered by WIPP, TEPP (MERRTT), and the DOE National Training Program were also reviewed. The meeting resulted in a team teaching arrangement for conducting the session and the selection of three blocks of instruction as the basis for the training content. The training will cover 1) fundamentals of nuclear physics and radiation; 2) dosimetry and measurement; and 3) packaging and transportation of radioactive materials. Another planning session was held in January 2001. The needs assessment for Iowa is nearly complete.

Region 5 participated in several meetings geared to informing states, tribes, and local agencies about DOE transportation emergency preparedness activities. During the Midwest Council of State Governments two-day workshop, Region 5 presented an overview of TEPP activities, events, and plans for support of DOE shipping campaigns throughout Region 5. Approximately 30 representatives from various state agencies, federal departments, and associations were present. Region 5 also staffed a TEPP display and distributed information at the Michigan State Police annual conference in September 2000.

### **TEPP Region 6**

Region 6 has supported national implementation of TEPP through planning and coordination activities. In December 2000, Region 6 presented an overview of TEPP activities at the Western Governors Association meeting. During the meeting, Region 6 accepted an invitation to assist in the development and review of the rail WIPP program implementation guide.

Region 6 is currently working with the Federal Railway Administration (FRA) to schedule MERRTT awareness level training for FRA/State rail inspectors.

For the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, Region 6 hosted a MERRTT train-the-trainer session that was attended by 15 personnel from the reservation's fire department. A follow-up session may be scheduled to meet their additional training needs.

### **TEPP Region 7**

Region 7 has successfully completed several MERRTT train-the-trainer sessions. In October 2000, 16 people attended the MERRTT train-the-trainer session conducted in Carson City, Nevada. In December 2000, a MERRTT train-the-trainer session was conducted in conjunction with a state-sponsored hazardous materials conference in Las Vegas, Nevada. In January 2001, two MERRTT train-the-trainer sessions were held in California - one in Sacramento and the other at the Los Angeles Police Department training facility. ♦



## Upcoming Events

February 6-7, 2001 • Portland, OR

### TEC Working Group Meeting

For more information, call Sue Martindale at (301) 353-8319.

February 10-14, 2001 • Arlington, VA

### National Emergency Management Agency Conference

For more information, contact Sandy Schwitzenberg at (859) 244-8162 or [sschwitzenberg@csg.org](mailto:sschwitzenberg@csg.org).

February 25-March 1, 2001 • Tucson, AZ

### Waste Management '01 Conference

For more information, call (520) 292-5652 or visit [www.wmsym.org](http://www.wmsym.org).

February 26-March 4, 2001 • Indianapolis, IN

### Fire Departments Instructors Conference 2001

For more information, e-mail [genep@pennwell.com](mailto:genep@pennwell.com) or call 888-835-3342.

March 6-8, 2001 • Las Vegas, NV

### Joint TEPP Regional Meeting and Workshop

For more information, call Stacey Madson at (208) 526-1532.

March 19-22, 2001 • Biloxi, MS

### FEMA Region 4 REP Conference

For more information, call 800-725-2239.

April 2-5, 2001 • Nashville, TN

### National Radiological Emergency Preparedness Conference

For more information, visit [www.deq.state.la.us/nrep/](http://www.deq.state.la.us/nrep/).

April 16-20, 2001 • Atlanta, GA

### National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials

For more information, call Dan Roe at (602) 231-6345.

April 22-26, 2001 • Providence, RI

### Cooperative Hazardous Materials Enforcement Development Spring Conference

For more information, call Jan Axson at (202) 366-4339.

April 23-24, 2001 • Bloomington, MN

### Annual Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness Grant Program Workshop

For more information, call Jan Axson at (202) 366-4339.

April 29- May 2, 2001 • Anchorage, AK

### Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, 33<sup>rd</sup> National Conference on Radiation Control

For more information, call Lin Carigan at (502) 227-4543 or e-mail [lcarigan@crupd.org](mailto:lcarigan@crupd.org).

April 29 - May 3, 2001 • Las Vegas, NV

### International High Level Radioactive Waste Conference

April 30-May 3, 2001 • Denver, CO

### Emergency Management Issues Special Interest Group Annual Meeting

For more information, call Dorothy Manning at (865) 576-2007 or e-mail [manningd@orau.gov](mailto:manningd@orau.gov).

June 5-6, 2001 • Idaho Falls, ID

### MidWestern High Level Radioactive Waste Committee

For more information, call Lisa Sattler at (902) 803-9976.

July 17-19, 2001 • To Be Determined

### TEC Working Group

For more information, call Sue Martindale at (301) 353-8319.

December 11-14, 2001 • Baltimore, MD

### U.S. EPA Region III Chemical Emergency Preparedness Prevention Program

For more information, call (410) 676-0882.

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