

From: Thomas Kevern
To: PSNS, Pfuhl Phillip F
Date: Mon, Jan 10, 2005 4:30 PM
Subject: RE: Response from "Contact the Public Document Room Staff"
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Mr. Pfuhl:

HSPD-5 mandated development/implementation of the NIMS and National Response Plan (NRP). NIMS provides the framework (e.g., command and management systems) by which Federal departments/agencies implement the NRP. The key NRP annex to be implemented for any radiological incident is the Nuclear/Radiological Incident Annex. This annex identifies the Federal policies, roles/responsibilities, resources, and approach for an incident involving nuclear/radiological facilities and/or materials. [Note: This annex replaces the current Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan - FRERP.] Federal departments/agencies use the standard NIMS framework in implementing this annex. There are radiological-specific functions (e.g., radiological dose assessment and protective action recommendations) and organizations (e.g., Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center - FRMAC); but there is no radiological-specific command/management system.

The USNRC, along with other Federal departments/agencies, is in the process of implementing the NIMS and NRP. The NRC Incident Response Plan, posted on our public website, is the current agency-specific plan to address nuclear/radiological incidents. The teams identified in this Plan (executive team, protective measures team, reactor safety team, etc.) comprise the NRC response organization and support the incident-related roles/responsibilities of the NRC. These teams are unique to the NRC and do not provide a "standard" for other organizational entities.

I recommend the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Emergency Management Institute (EMI) for further assistance in this matter. A good starting point is the Department of Homeland Security public website for the National Response Plan that provides cross-reference to a EMI course on the Plan. [<http://www.dhs.gov/nationalresponseplan>]

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>>> Pfuhl Phillip F PSNS <pfuhlp@psns.navy.mil> 12/09/04 02:49PM >>>
Thank you for your response. Presidential Directive 5 mandates implementation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS) for all federal agencies. ICS prescribes a standard organizational structure for response to all hazards.

As much as possible, NIMS expects a standard, all-hazard approach to incident response, therefore most ICS response positions for a radiological event should be the same as for a non-radiological event. However, some response positions would be unique to a radiological event.

I had read the draft NRC Incident Response Plan and noted various teams had been specified (protective measures, reactor safety, etc.) I wanted to know if these were to be the "standard" ICS terms/teams used for radiological/nuclear events and if these teams had been mapped out in an ICS organizational chart.

Thank you.

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It is not clear to us exactly what you are looking for. There are links to regulation and guidance documents posted at <http://www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/emerg-preparedness/regs-guidance-comm.html>. Of those NUREG-0654 is the basic NRC/FEMA guidance document on emergency plans. See the left side of that same page for more emergency response links. If this is not what you are looking for, please let us know.

Sincerely,
PDR reference staff

>>> Phillip F. Pfuhl <pfuhlp@psns.navy.mil> 12/09/04 12:14PM >>>

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Phillip F. Pfuhl (pfuhlp@psns.navy.mil) on Thursday, December 09, 2004 at 12:14:39

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comments: I'm interested in finding a "standard" Incident Command System (ICS) structure for response to radiological events. Do you know if an organizational ICS model has been developed for a radiological event?

I'm also looking for how the ICS organization changes as it scales up from initial response and down to recovery phase for events covering the full range of the international nuclear event scale: no safety significance, anomaly, incident, serious incident, accident without significant off-site risk, accident with off-site risks, serious accident, and major accident.

Also of interest are the qualification requirements for the positions.

I'd appreciate it if you could share such information or point me in the right direction.

Thank you. Phil Pfuhl - emergency planner.

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