

Realistic Exercises



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Disaster Operating Environment

- New Players in Unfamiliar Roles
- Heavy Information Demands
- Politically Sensitive Issues
- Changing Requirements



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Disaster Operating Environment

- Rapid Decisions
- Degraded Communications
- Unforeseen Consequences
- Public Affairs Priorities



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Nuclear Power Plant Exercises

- Current Practices
 - Noticed Exercises
 - Weather and Exercise Event Prescribed
 - Week Day / Day Time
- Exercises are designed to meet regulatory requirements, but do they demonstrate the capability to responded to an actual event?



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Nuclear Power Plant Exercise

- Title: **Fast Breaker**
- Scenario: Loss of Coolant (Cause Unknown)
- Timeframe: Immediate
- Exercise Objectives:
 - Notifications
 - Activation of State Emergency Response and the State Emergency Operations Center to Level 1(Full) Activation
 - Deployment of Incident Management Team to the Emergency Operations Facility



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Nuclear Power Plant Exercise

- Exercise started with call from Utility to the State Warning Point declaring a Site Area Emergency
- Notifications and response to the State Emergency Operations Center
- Used Real-time Weather Conditions at Plant Site



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Exercise Observations

- Even Unusual Events and Alerts have heavy public information and policy demands
- Fast moving events require more coordination until the Emergency Operations Facility is fully staffed
- Actual events will pay out over longer time frames, staffing can be an issue for the Team



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