

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY



Western States TEPP Involvement

- All WGA States are participating in TEPP through at least one of the following:
 - State/local sponsorship of a MERRTT course
 - State/local responders attending a MERRTT *(in their own State or in a neighboring State)*
 - State/local response organizations incorporating MERRTT into their radiological training program



FY 2009 TEPP Western States Training Activity

- FY 09 Training Activities Included
 - ✓ 92 MERRTT sessions
 - ✓ 939 participated in DOE-sponsored training sessions
 - ✓ 769 participated in state or local level-sponsored training sessions
 - ✓ 490 received continuing education hours (CEH)

Other FY2009 TEPP Activity in the Western States

- Partnered with RAP in Region 6 & 7
 - Integrated MERRTT into RAP training activities
 - Co-taught 18 MERRTT courses
- Recognized significant cost



Other FY2009 TEPP Activity in the Western States (cont.)

- Training support for NNPP exercise
 - Modified training to meet advanced needs
 - Navy recognized value of training and responders level of preparedness
- Preparing WY OHS HazMat Team Instructors
 - Provided MERRTT T3 for new instructors who will train throughout their regions
 - Collaborated with WY OHS to add exercises and instrumentation practicals





TEPP Scheduled Drills/Exercises

- Drills/exercises scheduled for the next six months
 - ✓ Topeka, KS – Rad Response - 3 drills (10/09)
 - ✓ Lincoln, NE – Operation Cornhusker - 3 drills and a full scale exercise (3/10)



2010 MERRTT Program Improvements

- 2010 MERRTT Release Date 10/15/09
- Implemented changes were based on exercise findings, student and instructor feedback
 - ✓ Revise all supporting training video clips to improve quality
 - ✓ Incorporate 2008 ERG references
 - ✓ Textbook practical added for the PIO Module
 - ✓ Picture Response Practical added as another Day 2 hands-on activity

Continuous Improvement Efforts

- A crosscheck of NFPA 472 competencies was conducted to verify radiological-specific training competencies are adequately covered in MERRTT
 - All but three competencies for the awareness and operations level requirements are adequately covered in MERRTT
 - Those three competencies were incorporated into the 2010 MERRTT
 - Only a few competencies listed in the Agent Specific (AS) and Technician (T) portion of the standard were adequately covered in MERRTT
 - All the Radiation Specialist competencies were adequately covered by the recently developed RSTP
- Conclusion – develop and offer a training program that address 472 AS/T training requirements

TEPP Training Programs

- Compressed MERRTT – existing 8 hour program used at conferences and as a refresher (classroom/hands-on activities)
- Independent Study MERRTT 302 – existing online program also used as a refresher (independent study)
- MERRTT – existing 16 hour program that includes 16 modules, 5 hands-on, and 4 textbook practical activities



TEPP Training Programs

- Technician MERRTT – 8 hour program under development. Planned release is early 2010. Developed for technician level responders. MERRTT is a prerequisite
- Radiation Specialist Program – existing 40 hour program offered to radiation authority or advance hazardous material team type responders.
- Radiological Training for Hospital Personnel 346 - existing FEMA program. Offered by TEPP during exercises.

Want to know more?

- The TEPP web site provides one-stop shopping
 - ✓ MERRTT Training Schedule
 - ✓ 24-Hour Points of Contact
 - ✓ Needs Assessment
 - ✓ Model Procedures
 - ✓ Exercise Planning Resources
 - ✓ TEPP Regional Coordinators

<http://www.em.doe.gov/TEPPPages/TEPPHome.aspx>

Questions

