

National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP)

Casper, WY • Summer 2014



The US EPA Region 8 and Spectra Energy are initiating the planning of a Full Scale Exercise under the National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program (PREP). Exercise conduct will take place in Casper, Wyoming in late Spring or early Summer 2014. This exercise is designed to test the entire community response mechanisms in accordance with the Regional Contingency Plan (RCP) and/or the Facility Response Plan (FRP). The guidelines for the exercise can be referenced in 40CFR, Pt. 112, 1.8.2 under Facility Drill/Exercises and in the August 2002 edition of the National Preparedness for Response Exercise Program Guidelines prepared by the USDOT, USDOJ, USCG and USEPA. These exercises are mandatory for FRP facilities under the Clean Water Act. Completion of the PREP exercises will satisfy all Oil Pollution Act (OPA) mandated federal oil pollution response exercise requirements.

• Concepts & Objectives/ Initial Planning Conference •

There will be a Concepts & Objectives meeting along with an Initial Planning Conference scheduled for August 29, 2013 at 800 Werner Ct. #352 Casper, WY 82601

Exercise Goals and Objectives Include

- Notifications
- Staff mobilization
- Ability to operate within the response management system described in the plan
- Discharge control, assessment and containment
- Recovery and Disposal of spilled material and contaminated debris
- Protection of sensitive areas
- Communications
- Transportation
- Personnel and equipment support
- Procurement and documentation

Exercise Format, Scenario and Audience

The PREP exercise will be a Full Scale Exercise designed to validate plans, policies and procedures developed through their actual implementation and execution during a simulated worst case oil discharge. A hazardous chemical release component will also be a part of the scenario included with the oil discharge. The exercise will include actual mobilization of resources, conduct of operations and functional exercise play. We hope to engage various federal, state and local partners in the response community.

For More Information Including Registration

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