



**2009 National State Liaison Officers
Conference
Panel Discussion:
Cooperation with State Emergency
Response Organization Officials**

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The Mechanics.....

- Our Region III Liaison role is to notify the applicable States and FEMA regional duty officers, and if appropriate, the Prairie Island Indian Community.
- Contrary to popular belief, the Federal government does NOT have jurisdiction on a local level to direct public response action.
- The role of the federal government is to provide technical assistance and to augment State and Local resources.

Regional Incident Response

- Determine State EOC level of activation
- Updates made due to incident changes and/or upon request
- Is a State EOC Liaison Leader needed to establish single point of contact?
- Determine contact information of State protective action decision making authority



How About A.....

TEST ??

Test Notification

- Unusual Event has been declared due to an explosion in the protected area. A temporary storage building has physical damage after reports of an explosion in the area.
- Building is located outside any vital area. There are no reports of fire in the area.
- No impact on reactor operation with the unit remaining at 100%. The cause of the explosion is still unknown.
- No offsite assistance from the fire department has been requested, and no personnel injuries reported.

Other Questions.....

- What did the temporary storage building contain?
- Where did the debris land?
- Are there similar storage buildings at other locations on site?
- During the notification was there an additional question that should have been asked?

Cooperation is built from.....

- Creditability – a “single” point of contact for the state with the support of the agency.
- Being sensitive to the State’s audience.
- Communicate in a tone that delivers the significance of the incident.
- Do NOT Speculate or Assume.
- Prepare for the next logical question.
- Communicate factual information when learned.



THANKS

APPRECIATION TO THE PARTICIPANTS OF THIS
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