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Low-level radiation detected at Hocking College

The Ohio EMA Radiological Branch was made aware of a low-level radiological incident last week at Hocking College, located in Athens County. Hocking College had parts of a dew point gauge (a monitoring device that was once used in furnaces to detect moisture) stored in a bucket.

College personnel took the bucket to a dump site for disposal. They could not leave the material because radiation was detected. The college contacted Ohio EMA's Radiological Branch who told them to seclude the material to prevent contact by the public, staff and students. The branch then contacted the Ohio Department of Health - Radiation Protection, who responded to the college to take radiation readings. Ohio University also responded to the incident and took samples.

The radioactive material was determined to be very low levels of radium and is of no threat to the public. Hocking College continues to secure the material. Ohio University will transport the material for disposal after approval by the health department.

No further action was required by the state.



(March 3, 2006) - Staff from the Ohio Department of Health, Radiation Protection take a reading sample of an old dew point gauge that is being stored at Hocking College. The instrument was found to contain a very low level of radium, and is of no threat to the public.

Ohio Submits 2006 Homeland Security Grant Application

The state of Ohio submitted its 2006 Homeland Security Grant application to the Department of Homeland Security's grant management system on March 1. The application included:

- Cleveland Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Investment Justification
- Cincinnati UASI Investment Justification
- Toledo UASI Investment Justification
- Columbus UASI Investment Justification
- State of Ohio Investment Justification
- State of Ohio Enhancement Plan

Approval results are not anticipated until June or July of this year.

Homeland Security Threat Level:

ELEVATED

NIMS Alert

Frequently asked questions

The National Incident Management System (NIMS) Web site provides updated facts and information to frequently asked questions concerning NIMS. Visit www.fema.gov/nims for further details.

Who has to take NIMS and ICS training?

All federal, state, local, tribal, private sector and non-governmental personnel with a direct role in emergency management and response must be NIMS and ICS trained. This includes all emergency services related disciplines such as EMS, hospitals, public health, fire service, law enforcement, public works/utilities, skilled support personnel, and other emergency management response, support and volunteer personnel, as follows:

Entry Level: IS-700

First Line, Single Resource, Field Supervisors:

IS-700, ICS-100 and ICS-200

Middle Management (Strike Team Leaders, Division Supervisors, EOC Staff, etc.):

IS-700, IS-800, NRP, ICS-100, ICS-200 (and in FY 2007, ICS-300)

Command and General Staff (Area, Emergency and EOC Managers):

IS-700, IS-800, ICS-100, ICS-200 (and in FY 2007, ICS-300 and ICS-400)

Whom should I contact if I have not received my IS-700 training certificate?

Contact the Emergency Management Institute's Independent Study Office at 301-447-1200.

Licking County Hosts Training for Radio Volunteers



The Licking County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management hosted an Incident Command System course (IS-700) on March 4, for the Licking County Amateur Radio Group.

By the end of the day, the 18 amateur radio volunteers completed the course and programmed four new amateur radios that will be installed in the Licking County Emergency Operations Center and EMA vehicles. Director Jeff Walker said, "The amateur radio volunteers are very important for continued communications during a disaster. They are an asset to our emergency planning."

FEMA Assistance

Registrations for Federal Disaster Assistance:

Hurricane Rita (as of March 7)

Louisiana 364,313

Texas 479,511

Hurricane Katrina (as of March 7)

Alabama 114,830

Louisiana 1,076,308

Mississippi 516,202

Registration deadline for people affected by hurricanes Katrina and Rita is MARCH 11th.

As of March 3, there were 2,549,984 FEMA Individual Assistance registrations for hurricanes Katrina and Rita. FEMA has approved nearly \$6.4 billion in disaster assistance to individual applicants from Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and Texas.

4,055 evacuee households in Ohio have registered for FEMA assistance.

Ohio Army National Guard's 52nd Civil Support Team

In March of 1998, the U.S. Secretary of Defense unveiled a program to integrate the Army National Guard and Reserve components into Department of Defense programs for responding to Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) attacks: WMD Civil Support Team (CST). Its purpose is to rapidly assess a suspected WMD incident, provide advice to the local incident command and first responders, and facilitate requests for assistance from federal agencies.

Civil Support Teams are on call 24 hours a day and are able to deploy within four hours. Currently, there is one CST located in each of the ten Department of Homeland Security/FEMA regions.

It is now possible for county or state EMAs, or local responders to request the National Guard's 52nd CST assistance without a declaration from the governor. The following process is recommended:

1. Call the Civil Support Team Commander at OFFICE: 614-336-6597 ; CELL: 614-419-8896 or CST Deputy Commander at OFFICE: 614-336-6636; CELL: 614-419-8894.
2. Toll free number is: 866-496-3278. This line rolls over to the Ohio State Highway Patrol's communications center during non-duty hours. The communications center will alert the CST.
3. Or, contact the Ohio Army National Guard Joint Operations Center (JOC) at 888-637-9053/9054. The JOC also has a call list to alert the CST.

Contact the 52nd Civil Support Team as soon as a nonstandard hazardous material incident or possible WMD terrorist event occurs. Call even if you are not sure of the incident, so the 52nd can prepare, in the event its assistance is, indeed, needed.

The 52nd CMT is the military's first responder. They conduct numerous briefings, displays, training and exercises, and participates with all local, county, state and federal agencies.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
March 5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Damage Assessment Ohio EMA			Hazard Mitigation Course Ohio EMA		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Instructional Skills Course - Ohio EMA				CERT-100 Train-the-Instructor: Licking County (Newark)
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
CERT-100 Train-the-Instructor: Licking County (Newark)		Incident Command System (IS100 & IS200) Training for Ohio EMA employees @ Ohio EMA		Debris Management Ohio EMA	Cost Documentation Ohio EMA	
NATIONAL FLOOD SAFETY WEEK (March 20-24)						
26	27	28	29	30	31	April 1
		Directors Seminar - Holiday Inn Worthington, Ohio			Agriculture Exercise with Case Western University	
SPRING SEVERE WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK (March 26 - April 1) Wednesday, March 29 - 9:50 a.m. Statewide Tornado Drill						
2	3	4	5	6	7	8