



This Week in Ohio EMA

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County and State Officials Prepare for Beaver Valley Ingestion Pathway Exercise

Approximately 50 county and state officials participated in an ingestion zone drill at the State Emergency Operations Center, April 18, in preparation for the two-day federally graded Beaver Valley Power Station plume and ingestion pathway exercise, June 27 and 28.

In agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the state of Ohio is to test its emergency planning guidance for 50-mile ingestion pathways every six years. Ohio rotates testing ingestion zone exercises with three nuclear power plants: Beaver Valley Power Station, Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station and Perry Nuclear Power Plant.

According to the Ohio Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Plan, the purpose of the ingestion exercise is to indicate those actions required within a 50-mile ingestion pathway to protect the humans and animals from consuming contaminated food and water.

Tuesday's participants included representatives from Columbiana County Emergency Management, Ohio Department of Agriculture, Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, The Ohio State University Extension, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Department of Agriculture - Farm Service Agency (USDA-FSA) and Ohio Emergency Management Agency. Ottawa County provided the day's exercise controllers. John Wills, Ohio EMA's radiological analyst assigned to Lake County and the Perry Nuclear Power Plant, developed the scenario and participated as the day's main controller. The state's assessment room, executive room and joint information center were operational.



The Beaver Valley Power Station, located in Shippingport, Pennsylvania.

The Beaver Valley Power Station is located in Shippingport, Pennsylvania. The eastern portion of Columbiana County is within its 10-mile emergency planning zone (EPZ). The remaining portions of Columbiana County; sections of Belmont, Harrison, Portage, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas counties; and all of Carroll, Jefferson and Mahoning counties fall within the 50-mile EPZ. West Virginia also has counties within the plant's EPZ.

Homeland Security Threat Level:

ELEVATED

Ohio Homeland Security Launches Community Outreach Programs

Advancing the mission to protect Ohioans from terrorism, Ohio Homeland Security Director John Overly highlighted statewide community outreach efforts on Friday through the established the new Office of Multicultural Affairs and the "See Something" public awareness campaign.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs, led by Omar Alomari, was established to develop a culturally-diverse outreach program for all Ohioans, including the Hispanic and Arab/Muslim American communities. Mr. Alomari outlined his vision at a media conference held at the Ohio Hispanic Coalition. Also attending the media conference were Ohio Hispanic Coalition Director Julia Arbini-Carbonell and Council on American Islamic Relations Director Adnan Mirza.

Director Overly also highlighted a newly-formed partnership with the Ohio Hispanic Coalition to educate the Latino community on the possible signs of terrorism and encourage the public to report suspicious activity to law enforcement through "See Something, Say Something" materials, which have been translated into Spanish. The Ohio Hispanic Coalition will distribute materials throughout the Hispanic community in places such as health clinics, markets, shopping centers and other venues.

In addition to Spanish, the "See Something, Say Something" materials also will be translated into Arabic, Somali and other languages. The materials provide examples of suspicious behavior and encourage the public to contact local law enforcement of the Ohio Terrorism Tip line (1-877-OHS-INTEL) if suspicious activity is observed.

R2 Chief Glenn on military leave

Beginning Monday, April 24, 2006, Rob Glenn, chief of the Readiness and Response branch, will be on leave in preparation for deployment to Iraq as Infantry Platoon Leader with the Ohio Army National Guard.

Rob departs May 17 for leaders' training at Fort Dix, N.J. and rejoins his unit, Co. B, 1-148 IN, in Bowling Green for a send off on June 17. The unit will then undergo certification for active duty and other training until mid-August. Further training will be conducted in Kuwait and then the unit will deploy into Iraq in the late Fall.

While Rob is on leave, Jim Dwertman, Plans branch supervisor, will serve as acting branch chief of Readiness and Response.

If you would like to keep in touch with Rob while he is on military leave, you can email him at robert.c.glenn@us.army.mil.



Held in conjunction with the
Intergovernmental Technology Conference (ITC)



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**Ohio Department of Public Safety
and Homeland Security**
Greater Columbus Convention Center
Downtown Columbus

May 10-11, 2006

Advance registration: \$52.00

On-site registration: \$75

Register at www.gov.resources.com/ohsshomepage.html

**Ohio EMA Weekly Report Entries
(ending April 19, 2006)**

Radiological Shipments

As of April 13, the Department of Energy (DOE) shipped a total of 4,588 shipments of depleted uranium (DUF6) from Oakridge, Tennessee to the Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Facility. DOE intends to make five truck shipments per week.

Severe Weather Awareness Poster Contest

State-level judging of posters entered for the Ohio Committee for Severe Weather Awareness poster contest will take place at Ohio EMA, Tuesday, May 9.

Fiscal Update

The County Disbursement reports for SFY06 have been completed and mailed to the counties. Copies of the reports were also given to the Field Liaisons. The reports contain award amounts, amount drawn and balance remaining for all grant awards. Fiscal is also working on the Notice of Award for FY06 Emergency Management Performance Grants, including the special project awards to the counties for high-speed Internet.

Retiring

Angie Howard, Administrative Assistant 1
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EMA UPDATES

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Huron County Emergency Management Agency
and Office of Homeland Security
255-B Shady Lane Drive, Norwalk, OH 44857
Phone: (419) 663-5772
Position Available: **Assistant EMA Director**

Responsibilities include: develop disaster mitigation efforts with an all-hazards approach; coordinate response efforts and organize rapid recovery to ensure local government and business continuity for a successful resolution to disaster; report, budget and grant-writing capabilities; develop training and exercise initiatives that meet federal homeland security, EMA and Local Emergency Planning Committee requirements; assume role of county EMA director in the event of director's absence.

Minimal qualifications include: comprehensive knowledge of emergency management, emergency response, public administration and public relations; Bachelor's degree in business administration or public safety, or five (+) years of EMA and/or emergency services related work experience.

Deadline to send in applications and resumes:
May 8, 2006.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 16  <i>Easter</i>	17 Medical TAC Ohio EMA	18 HazMat TAC Ohio EMA	19 Incident Mgmt Ohio EMA Tactical TAC ODOT - B	20 Water TAC Ohio EMA	21 CAMEO Course Carlisle Township Fire Department	22 CAMEO Course Carlisle Township Fire Department
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30	May 1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 Homeland Security Symposium Greater Columbus Convention Center Communications TAC Teleconference - 9 am	11	12	13

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