

OBJECTIVE 34: LICENSEE OFFSITE RESPONSE ORGANIZATIONS

OBJECTIVE

Demonstrate the capability of licensee offsite response organization [licensee (ORO)] personnel to interface with non-participating organizations and accomplish coordination essential for emergency response.

INTENT

This objective is derived from NUREG-0654 (Supplement 1) which provides that each licensee ORO should have the capability to provide State and local government officials advice and assistance in implementing those portions of the licensee offsite plan where State and local authority, emergency functions and resources are needed. (See evaluation criteria from Planning Standards C. and N.) Such advice and assistance from licensee OROs is needed because of the non-participation of State and local governments in emergency planning.

Demonstration of this objective focuses on licensee ORO personnel actions to facilitate the response roles assigned to non-participating State and local governments in the licensee offsite response plan. These roles will vary according to site-specific circumstances, licensee resources, and the details of the offsite plan.

Licensee ORO plans provide for the securing of authorizations from State and local governments for all actions for which legal authority is vested only in State and local governments.

Demonstration of this objective encompasses actions by licensee ORO liaison personnel in support of State and local government personnel. Any response measures to be taken by the ORO after completion of necessary contacts with these personnel are covered in other objectives.

DEMONSTRATION CRITERIA

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| C.5. | 1. | Licensee ORO personnel responsible for the performance of emergency functions determine what measures specific State and local governments need to take in order to facilitate implementation of its own emergency plan or response measures in coordination with the ORO. |
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Explanation

Licensee OROs should demonstrate the capability to determine actions State and local governments need to take in support of implementation of the licensee offsite response plan in response to scenario events.

OROs should demonstrate the capability to determine what actions State and local governments need to take to provide authorizations for licensee ORO actions in accordance with the ORO response plan.

Extent of Play

For exercise demonstration purposes, licensee OROs should demonstrate the stand-alone mode of their plans in order to fully test licensee capabilities. In this mode, licensee OROs should demonstrate the capability to request legal authorization from State and local governments for those actions for which such authorization is required. Methods (e.g., telephone calls or face-to-face contacts) to be used by licensee ORO staff in making such requests should be specified in the extent-of-play agreement. Authorization for such legally-sensitive actions will be granted by FEMA control cell personnel in accordance with the licensee ORO plan.

The control cell will be staffed by FEMA personnel who will assume State and local government positions (e.g., State Commission of Public Health or County Executive).

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- 2. ORO liaison personnel provide State and local personnel with information, advice, and requests for specific actions needed to respond in a coordinated manner with the ORO in implementation of emergency response measures. All communications of information, advice, and requests provide State and local personnel with data needed for appropriate response.**

Explanation

ORO should demonstrate the capability to perform all liaison functions needed to provide State and local personnel with information, advice, and requests to authorize or carry out emergency functions under the licensee ORO response plan. In order to facilitate both types of responses by these governments, ORO should have capability to:

- o keep representatives of State and local governments informed on the developing

situation in a radiological emergency

- o describe actions State and local governments need to take
- o explain the reasons for such actions
- o describe and explain all actions being taken by the ORO to implement emergency response measures

All information provided should be current, accurate, and responsive to the concerns of State and local personnel.

Extent of Play

The extent of play for this criterion is identical to Demonstration Criterion 1.

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3. All activities described in the demonstration criteria for this objective are carried out in accordance with the plan, unless deviations are provided for in the extent-of-play agreement.

Explanation

Responsible OROs should demonstrate the capability to follow policies, implement procedures, and utilize equipment and facilities contained in their plans and procedures. OROs should demonstrate that they can follow sequences outlined in the various procedures and perform specified activities as necessary.

Extent of Play

Under this criterion, all activities should be carried out as specified in the plan, unless deviation from the plan is provided for in the extent-of-play agreement. As a general rule, deviations from the plan should be allowed under extent-of-play agreements only in those cases where it is clear the organization has recently developed new procedures not incorporated into the approved plan.

CLARIFICATION OF TERMS

Control cell, in this objective, refers to Federal exercise personnel who facilitate interfaces with licensee OROs.

Licensee offsite response organization, in this objective, refers to the licensee's offsite emergency response organization comprised of licensee, State and local government, volunteer and other support personnel required to implement the licensee's ORO plan.

Non-participating organizations, in this objective, refers to State and local governments that are not participating in emergency planning and preparedness for accidents at a commercial nuclear power plant.