EPA’s Involvement in Counter-Terrorism

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**Abstract:**
Presentation on the role that EPA plays in counter-terrorism.
Introduction: EPA’s Involvement in Counter-Terrorism: The OSC’s Role

- Response to Chemical Terrorism
- Response to Radiological Terrorism
- National Response System
- NBC Domestic Preparedness Training Program
- Response to Biological Terrorism
Crisis Management: General OSC Role

- Provide technical advice to the FBI On-Scene Commander.
- Assist in the conduct of scientific and technical assessments.
- Make recommendations for the deployment of response assets.
- Assist the FBI in working with state and local responders in the ICS/UC.
At the Site: ICS/UC

- FBI Joint Operations Center
- Local EOC

UNIFIED COMMAND

EMS
FBI

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FBI

Fire
Police

Command Staff

Operations
Finance
Logistics
Planning

FBI Operations Branch
(Will only exist if FBI operations are taking place)

Operations Branch
(Contains LNOs from FBI, DoD, DOE, & FEMA)

= EPA Role
Crisis Management Structures

The President

NSC Groups

Attorney General
FBI Director

FBI HQ
Strategic Information Operations Center

DEST (may deploy)

FBI Field Office
Joint Operations Center

= EPA Role
Consequence Management: OSC Role

- FRP activation - ESF #10
  - EPA, as primary agency for ESF #10, is responsible for protecting human health and welfare and environment
  - ESF #10 performance of activities is not expected to change significantly.
  - But coordination mechanisms will change
Coordination: $C^RM$ and $C^OM$

- The President
- NSC Groups
  - Attorney General
    - FBI Director
  - FBI SIOC
    - FEMA Liaison
    - Technical Liaisons
  - FBI JOC
    - Command Group
    - Support Group
    - Operations Group
    - Consequence Management Group
  - FEMA Director
    - CDRG, EST
    - FBI Liaison
    - Technical Liaisons
  - ROC/DFO
    - FBI Liaison
    - Technical Liaisons
  - State EOC
  - Local EOC

Current concept

= EPA Role
How will this work?

Good question.
Incident Has Occurred
(Crisis Management - Initial Actions)

- Notify FBI Special Agent in Charge/Command Post.
- Notify FBI HQ - notifies key agencies.
- Conduct initial agent identification.
- Provide technical support to Local Incident Commander via conference call with key agencies.
- Activate liaisons to Strategic Information Operations Center (SIOC).
Incident Has Occurred
(Consequence Management - Initial Actions)

- Notify FEMA Key Staff.
- Convene CDRG as required.
- Staff/Deploy JOC Consequence Management Group.
- Activate ROC and EST.
Incident Has Occurred
(Consequence Management - Initial Actions)
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- Deploy liaison to FBI Strategic Intelligence Operations Center (SIOC).
- Deploy Emergency Response Team - Advance Element (ERT-A) to State EOC.
- Activate Emergency Response Team.
- FEMA directs further actions using normal procedures.
NRS Response

- Be aware of the potential for criminal/terrorist causes
- Contact NEIC for assistance
- Contact the FBI Special Agent in Charge (SAC) with suspicions
Issues Concerning OSCs (Conclusion)

◆ Interaction with the FBI

- Utilize your NCP authority within the guidelines provided in the Terrorism Incident Annex in the FRP
- Be involved as EPA works with FBI and other agencies in development of the CONPLAN
- Maintain a good working relationship with local first responders
- Be proactive: Contact your FBI SAC and Regional FEMA offices regarding potential incidents