

**FRMAC/State Bi-Annual Conference Call
July 26, 2006**

The bi-annual FRMAC Conference call occurred on July 26, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. (PDT), with the following State and Federal agencies. After the State and Federal roll call, DOE/NNSA/NSO (Colleen O’Laughlin) opened the discussions with a welcome to everyone.

I Attendees

States Represented:

<i>Arizona</i>	<i>Michigan</i>	<i>Ohio</i>
<i>Arkansas</i>	<i>Minnesota</i>	<i>South Carolina</i>
<i>California</i>	<i>Nevada</i>	<i>Tennessee</i>
<i>Florida</i>	<i>New Hampshire</i>	<i>Vermont</i>
<i>Georgia</i>	<i>New York</i>	<i>Washington</i>
<i>Idaho</i>	<i>North Carolina</i>	<i>Wisconsin</i>
<i>Kansas</i>	<i>North Dakota</i>	

Other Countries Represented:

Canada, Province of Ontario

Agencies Represented:

<i>CDC</i>	<i>FDA</i>	<i>RAP Region 4</i>
<i>CRPCD</i>	<i>LANL</i>	<i>RAP Region 5</i>
<i>DHS CNCPD</i>	<i>LLNL</i>	<i>RAP Region 6</i>
<i>(Reg. 6)</i>	<i>NRC</i>	<i>REAC/TS</i>
<i>DOE</i>	<i>SANDIA</i>	
<i>EPA</i>	<i>RAP Region 2</i>	

Other

Health Physics Society

II Status Reports

Manuals and Working Groups

Most of the manuals are being updated this fiscal year and will be printed in 2007. There are a limited number of hard copies of the Health & Safety Manual (2001) and the Assessment Manual (Vols. 1-3) (2003) available. The *Monitoring Manual (Vols. 1 and 2)*, *Laboratory Analysis Manual*, and *FRMAC Operations Manual* have to be obtained by downloading them from the FRMAC Web. The

DOE web link for this is:

<http://www.nv.doe.gov/nationalsecurity/homelandsecurity/frmac/manuals.aspx>

When the manuals are republished they will be issued in notebook form so small revisions can be easily accomplished.

During FY 2007 the Operations Manual will be undergoing a more extensive revision including:

- More detail on how FRMAC fits into Incident Command
- Discussion of the CMRT Phase III response
- Discussion of the new CMHT

If you wish to be put on the list for distribution of these new manuals please advise Angela Anderson (andersam@nv.doe.gov).

Regarding any upcoming rewrite of the *National Response Plan*, Scott Flowerday said that a notice should come out shortly in the *Federal Register* (maybe this week). Link is:

http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interapp/editorial/editorial_0566.xml

Ed Tupin added that the notice did come out and that writing groups will be formed in the fall for a big re-write. Mike Noska asked Ed if the NRIA writing group has been formed yet. Ed believes they are still waiting for the go-ahead on that. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done. The call for members for the groups hasn't gone out yet.

Jim Killingback of North Dakota informed every one of two documents FEMA has published: one is a Quick Reference Guide for the NRP; the other a notice of change to the NRP dated 5/25. The Quick Reference Guide may prove useful.

Regarding EPA 400, the revision to 1992 is still on track for a 2006 release. It will be released as EPA guidance, following release a push will be made to release it as Presidential Guidance. This is a bigger bureaucratic challenge.

Canada announced that new FDA food guidance will be incorporated into their National Response Plan.

FRMAC Secure Site

Colleen has tasked the CRCPD to compile information from all the State EOCs so that the correct people can be given access to the FRMAC Secure Site in case of an emergency.

Colleen reminded everyone that because of computer security requirements anyone requesting access to the FRMAC Secure Site has to complete an Access

Request form. (This is a one-time form. It does not have to be completed when access to a new event is given). Colleen has to approve access.

DOE FRMAC Web

The plan is in FY07 to add an Exercise button. In the section there will be a list of the map products available, examples of what kind of information is required for the Advance Party Meeting, and other information that will be useful during exercise planning.

EOTA Web Site (Training Site)

The focus for FY07 will be made in improving the quality of the computer-based training.

III Federal and State Status / Information

Working Groups

Operations Working Group—Colleen O’Laughlin

The FRMAC Operations WG last met in May 2006. It has been working on a number of topics that go across the board. These include:

Integrated FRMAC Presentation: During a marathon outreach trip in February the revised presentation was perfected.

IMAAC and their proceedings

Incident Command

Population Monitoring

Telemetry: This is cutting edge in the way that data can be moved. No matter what piece of equipment is used data can be sent anywhere. When the aircraft flies the aircraft flight will be able to be seen on the FRMAC secure web site.

FRMAC Position Descriptions: These will be reviewed before the next release of the FRMAC Ops Manual.

CMHT: Terry Kraus and Art Shanks gave a brief summary of activities that have taken place to get this in place.

The next meeting of the Operations WG will be November 14 & 15 in Las Vegas.

Health & Safety Working Group—Robb Hadley

The last meeting was in March in Las Vegas.

They are adopting the ICS Health & Safety Plan and also trying to align it to industry standards. They have also added to the personal protective equipment area.

These changes should be made by the end of the calendar year.

The next meeting of the H&S WG will be in the spring of 2007.

Assessment Working Group—Art Shanks

Volume 3 of the Assessment Manual (RDD Section) which is intended to be the initial guidance in a response is being reworked and should go out in the fall. Vols. 1 and 2 are also being reworked to look at resuspension factors. There will be a change in the calculation method in Vol. 1 which will feed into Vol. 2. Vol. 2 will be significantly different to make it more concise. Vols. 1 and 2 will be completed in FY 07 and published in 3-ring binders.

The Assessment WG is also working on updating Turbo FRMAC software so that it works in parallel with the manuals and will be more user-friendly. It should be completed by the end of FY07. John Fulton will be asking for Beta testers for this (jdfulto@sandia.gov).

Laboratory Analysis

They have not had a meeting. They are still working on building the lab data base and are up to over 700 entries. It was used at Pluto New Horizons. The Rodeo data base has been released in a Beta version. Several glitches have been found and the software will be re-released.

Monitoring and Sampling—Bob Augdahl (for Dan VanEtten)

There has been a lot of feed back from the road shows. The group is looking at standardizing collection procedures so there is not as much sample handling and the samples can go to the labs more quickly.

A-Team—Ed Tupin

They have an on-going effort developing notification procedures. What they have now is very rough. They will also include virtual A-Team in the procedures.

Population Monitoring—Armin Ansari

The technical working group was formed late last year. It includes CRCPD and other organizations. They are focusing on the first 24-48 hours post incident and looking at practical steps that include:

- Screening
- Respiration protection for monitors
- Shelter – they have been working heavily with the American Red Cross.

CRCPD—Steve Woods

No activity to report.

Dave Bowman Letter

Colleen asked if everyone had received the e-mail that Dave Bowman, NNSA/HQ, had sent to the states regarding CM participation in IPX's. He said that CM is committed to supporting IPX's with maps and assessment capabilities. However, if there will be limited play during the exercise, he cannot justify sending a contingent of CM response personnel. Vermont reported that they had not seen this memo. A copy will be attached to these minutes. The letter was sent to the director level so it may not have filtered down to everyone.

IV Conferences / Training / Outreaches / Exercises—Jan 2006 – Jan 2007

Conferences

No reports were given.

Training

RAPTER (Jimmy Ellis)

Kathleen Burianek is on leave until October.

Jimmy Ellis provided the training classes schedule for 2007 after the meeting. The information will be added to the FRMAC Events calendar. The training dates are as follows

January 29 – February 2, 2007
February 5-9, 2007
March 5-9, 2007
March 12-16, 2007
April 30-May 4, 2007
May 7-11, 2007

FRMAC FSE Southern Crossing, Dothan, AL

Colleen summarized the activities that have been leading up to the Southern Crossing Exercise in August.

She briefly described how the call out will work which for the first time will include the CM Home Team. She also talked about the time jumps that will occur in the exercise and the fact that for the first time we will be exercise the entire FRMAC process through to the pass off to a different Coordinating Agency (EPA). This will be a very challenging and valuable event. There will be extensive participation (approx. 300 people and 60 controllers) and there will be involvement from local government emergency agencies and hospitals.

VIGILANT SHIELD

We need to know the extent of FRMAC involvement in this exercise including whether or not CMHT will be played.

Action Item: Colleen will contact NNSA/HQ to discuss CMHT play in VIGILANT SHIELD. (Done—DOE will have only SIM Cell play; no CMHT).

Action Item: (Colleen) Write a concise 1-2 page white paper to describe CMHT operations and get out the CMHT contact numbers and e-mails to the states.

Action Item: Provide training in October to Tennessee in preparation for their IPX in 2008. (Discussions have already begun between Colleen and Elizabeth Flanagan).

The next Bi-Annual call is scheduled for Wednesday, January 24, 2007 from 8:00-10:00 (PST).