

Emergency Response Tabletop Exercises for Drinking Water and Wastewater Systems

EPA is making available a new CD product entitled Emergency Response Tabletop Exercises for Drinking Water and Wastewater Systems. The tabletop exercises on this CD were developed to help train water and wastewater utility workers in the application of their emergency response plans. In total, twelve unique exercises can be created from the CD from five basic event types: intentional contamination, security breach, cyber security, physical attack, and interdependency. Users are also encouraged to adapt the materials on the CD to meet their own needs and objectives.

The exercises also contain secondary roles for health officials, laboratories, fire, police, emergency medical services, and local, state, and federal officials. The training goal of the CD is to strengthen the relationships between a water supplier and their emergency response team members and to enable water suppliers to “test” their emergency response plans before an actual incident occurs.

Information about the Emergency Response Tabletop Exercises for Drinking Water and Wastewater Systems CD (EPA 817-C-05-001) is available on EPA’s website at <http://www.epa.gov/watersecurity> under “Tools and Technical Assistance.” Copies can also be obtained by calling 1-800-490-9198, sending an email to ncepimal@one.net, or visiting <http://www.epa.gov/ncepihom/ordering.htm>.

