ERP Committee Update
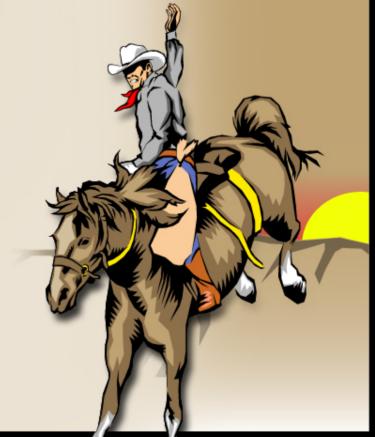
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SCAPA 2007 Annual Meeting

ERPG Level Descriptions

- ERPG-1 Notification Level
- ERPG-2 Action Level
- ERPG-3 Potentially Lethal Level

Emergency Response Planning Guidelines -Current ERP Committee-

- The ERP Committee has approximately 15 full members and 10 associate members.

- Membership is from government, industry, academia and foreign organizations.

- ERPGs are used in the U.S., Europe and Asia for emergency preparedness planning in case of accidental or intentional chemical releases (i.e., terrorism).

- Next Meeting is in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

European and Asian Use

- The ERP program was presented to the Chemical Accidents group within the OECD. At that meeting, representatives from the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) endorsed the program as being of great value to third world nations who do not have the technical skills to develop their own guidance values.

- Today, ERPGs are being used in China, Thailand as well as other Asian countries.

ERPC Update 2007

- There are currently 134 ERPG Values.

- Approximately ten new values are developed each year.

- Nine new values developed in 2006.

- AIHA New Support Agreement for the Committee.

- 20 New or Updates Anticipated in 2007.

- New Draft Values are Posted on AIHA Website for Comment.

- The ERPG Values are Posted on the AIHA Website (http://www.aiha.org/Committees/documents/erpglevels.pdf).

AETL Program in Europe

- ATEL program was created to design a program in Europe similar to the ERP and AEGL programs.

- A report was developed that incorporates many of the risk assessment procedures currently used by the ERP and AEGL Committees.

- After working on the report for 3 years, they produced approximately 20 documents of varying quality and are now considering refinements to the program.

- The scientist currently Chairing this program is also a member of the ERPC. He has indicated a strong desire to incorporate both ERPGs and AEGLs into the ATEL program.