Highlights

EPI Subcommittee Teleconference

Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 12:30–1:30 PM EDT

Participants

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Diana Greenhalgh, SPR HQ	John Mitchell, DOE HQ
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Welcome

The EPI Subcommittee met on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, via conference call.

2011–2012 Objectives Status

The EMI SIG EPI Subcommittee identified objectives for the 2011–2012 planning period at the 2011 EPI Subcommittee Annual Workshop in Charleston, SC, prior to the EMI SIG Annual Meeting. The following objectives were identified and a status update is provided.

1) Develop policy guidance on EPI social media use within the DOE/NNSA Complex.

   Status Update: Ongoing

   The EPI Subcommittee developed a Social Media Task Group comprised of volunteers to develop policy guidance on EPI social-media use within the DOE/NNSA Complex. The Task Group is currently conducting interviews with sites across the complex that use social media during emergency events. Information from interviews will be developed into lessons learned and best practices and added to the Training Subcommittee's Lessons Learned document which is currently undergoing revision.

   To serve on the Task Group and participate in future Social Media Task Group discussions, contact, Holly Hardin (holly.hardin@orise.orau.gov) or Jim Giusti (james-r.giusti@srs.gov).

2) Develop a technology resource guide for Joint Information Center (JIC) media monitoring equipment.

Status Update: Ongoing

The Oak Ridge Reservation (ORR) JIC purchased new technology equipment for media monitoring. ORR has developed a draft resource guide for other sites to use when purchasing new media monitoring equipment. The resource guide will be available at the 2012 EMI SIG Annual Meeting. This will also be a presentation topic during the EMI SIG Meeting. On Wednesday, May 16, 2012, staff from the ORR JIC will present "Leading the Way in Media Monitoring: New Equipment Configuration at the Oak Ridge Reservation Joint Information Center."

3) Partner with other EMI SIG working groups/subcommittees (COOPSC, TECHWG, Ex-Drill SC, etc.) via conference call or Live Meeting during the annual planning period to discuss lessons learned, common issues and share ideas, specifically to share information on cloud computing and technology resources for EPI.

Status Update: Complete

The Technology Working Group and Training Subcommittee Chairs provided a briefing on Working Group/Subcommittee status and provided an information sharing session during the October 2011 EPI Subcommittee Live Meeting Webinar.

Additionally, Marie Dunkle is the Training Subcommittee Liaison to the EPI Subcommittee. When EPI Subcommittee members need resources or input on EPI training, they are encouraged to work with Marie and the Training Subcommittee.

2012 EMI SIG Annual Meeting

The 2012 EMI SIG Annual Meeting will be held May 14–17, 2012, at the Marriott Renaissance Seattle Hotel in Seattle, Washington. Hotel registration is open on the EMI SIG website at http://orise.orau.gov/emi/annual-meeting/2012/default.htm. Annual Meeting registration is open at http://orise.orau.gov/emi/annual-meeting/2012/meeting-registration.htm. You may view the preliminary agenda on the EMI SIG Website at http://orise.orau.gov/emi/annual-meeting/2012/agenda.htm.

Important dates to note:
- April 13, 2012 – Annual Meeting registration closes
- April 23, 2012 – Deadline to make hotel reservations at the government per diem group rate
- April 27, 2012 – Deadline to receive refund for cancellation of attendance
- May 14, 2012 – EPI Subcommittee Annual Workshop

2012 EPI Subcommittee Annual Workshop

Agenda
The 2012 EPI Subcommittee Annual Workshop will be held Monday, May 14, 2012, 12:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m. EDT, at the Marriott Renaissance Seattle Hotel in Seattle, Washington. The workshop agenda is available on the EMI SIG Website at http://orise.orau.gov/emi/annual-meeting/2012/agenda-epi.htm.

Remote Viewing of Presentations
Live Meeting webinar connection will be offered for those unable to attend the EPI Subcommittee Annual Meeting in Seattle. Live Meeting is a free connection that allows the user to view presentations via a web link and listen to audio via a conference call line. Detailed information will be provided to EPI Subcommittee members closer to the Annual Meeting date.

Chair and Co-chair Nominations
EPI Subcommittee Chair and Co-chair nomination forms have been distributed via the EPI Subcommittee Listserv. Nomination forms submitted will be reviewed by the EMI SIG Steering Committee and results announced at the EPI Subcommittee Annual Workshop. Please nominate an individual who you would like to lead the Subcommittee to success in 2012–2013.

Site Updates

Savannah River Site will conduct a beyond-design-basis earthquake scenario-graded exercise in May 2012. This will be a multiple facility, major accident focus.

The Training Subcommittee is looking for volunteers from a cross-section of the EMI SIG subcommittees and working groups to support updating the Training Subcommittee product, "Incorporating Lessons Learned/Best Practices into Emergency Management Training," which is available at: http://orise.orau.gov/emi/training/Files/Lessons_Learned_Best_Practices-April2010.pdf. If you are interested in supporting this effort, please contact Amparo Atencio at Amparo.atencio@orise.orau.gov.

Wrap-up

The EPI Subcommittee will meet during the 2012 EPI Subcommittee Annual Workshop at the EMI SIG Annual Meeting in Seattle, WA, on May 14, 2012, 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. PDT.