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Contingency Planning – Unannounced Exercises

Ms. Calovich will discuss U.S. EPA Region 5's government-initiated unannounced exercise program. According to the Oil Pollution Act of 1999 (OPA), U.S. EPA is tasked with conducting government-initiated unannounced exercises at oil facilities to test the response capabilities of that industry. Rather than conduct site inspections where response times and activities are not tested, it was decided to conduct government-initiated unannounced exercises where response activities could be evaluated.