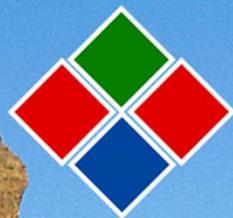


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Welcome to the U.S.-Mexico Inland Joint Response Team Meeting

Border 2012: Emergency Preparedness and Response Border-wide Workgroup

South Padre Island, Texas
September 1, 2009



U.S.-Mexico Border 2012 Emergency Preparedness and Response Border-wide Workgroup

- **Border 2012 created Emergency Preparedness and Response Border-wide Workgroup (BWWG) to coordinate and implement Goal #5:**
 - Enhance Joint Readiness for Environmental Response
- **BWWG works on federal border-wide issues**
- **BWWG functions as the steering committee of Joint Response Team (JRT)**
 - JRT established by Annex II of the 1983 La Paz Agreement
 - JRT co-chaired by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Mexican Federal Attorney General for the Protection of the Environment (PROFEPA) and the Office of Civil Protection (Protección Civil)



U.S.–Mexico Border 2012 Emergency Preparedness and Response JRT Partners



Action Items from the 2006 U.S.-Mexico Inland JRT Meeting

- **Revisions to the U.S.-Mexico Joint Contingency Plan (JCP)**
 - Mexican and other U.S. Federal agencies within our workgroup will be reviewing the proposed changes to the JCP
 - Comments due by March 1 from the JRT meeting participants
 - Incorporate PROFEPA/SEMARNAT new emergency notification protocol for Appendix A
 - U.S. and Mexico are aiming to finalize the JCP by the end of April 2006 for the National Coordinator's Meeting
- **Establish a coordinated schedule of Mexico and U.S. cross-border exercises/drills**

Action Items from the 2006 U.S.-Mexico Inland JRT Meeting (continued)

- **Expediting cross-border emergency responses**
 - EPA will coordinate with US CBP and identify the broad categories of response equipment and likely personnel (EPA and contractors) that may respond to a cross-border emergency
 - Procedures for notifying Mexico will be established with the National Response Center
 - U.S. and Mexico customs officials, PROFEPA, and EPA will set up a meeting in March 2006 to identify next steps with Aduanas
- **Provide support in establishing an emergency training academy in Region VI**
- **Location for next JRT meeting**

Action Items from the 2006 U.S.-Mexico Inland JRT Meeting (continued)

- **Invigorate the JRT by working in strengthened partnerships with US and Mexico federal, state and local offices**
 - Work with USCG, DHS CBP, NorthCom and all other JRT members
 - Mexico will work in partnership with Protección Civil, CENACOM, and Aduanas
- **Encourage Tribal Nations to actively participate in the Border 2012 Emergency Preparedness and Sister City Plan Programs**

Emergency Preparedness and Response Border-wide Workgroup Accomplishments since the 2006 JRT

- Signed and implemented 15 binational local Emergency Response Plans (Sister City Plans)
- Finalized the revision of the U.S.–Mexico Joint Contingency Plan (JCP)
 - Sister City Plans may reference all kinds of releases
- **Trinational Emergency Preparedness Plan (#16):**
 - The Tohono O’odham Chair Ned Norris and Governor Napolitano of Arizona and Governor Bours of Sonora Mexico signed this tri-national sister city agreement on June 14, 2008

Emergency Preparedness and Response Border-wide Workgroup Accomplishments since the 2006 JRT

- Designed and conducted several high-profile hazardous material tabletop and full field exercises
- Developed and conducted bilingual workshops through Region 9's Baja California Emergency Management Institute
- EPA-NorthCom MOA's Knowledge Exchange events:
 - FEMA's Emergency Management Institute, Nov. 2007
 - EPA OEM HQs Washington, DC, June 2008
 - EPA OSC Readiness Training, San Diego, Feb. 2009

Emergency Preparedness and Response Border-wide Workgroup Recent Initiatives

- **Established interagency coordination to:**
 - Facilitate border crossing for federal responders and their contractors (U.S. Customs and Border Protection)
 - Provide for more training, capacity building, exchange of information and resources for response equipment (DOD, NorthCom)

Emergency Preparedness and Response Border-wide Workgroup Recent Initiatives (continued)

- **Identifying insurance coverage for federal government vehicles as well as U.S. local emergency responders when crossing borders**
 - Working with OAM to identify vendors interested in securing EPA's emergency response vehicles
 - Exploring use of rental cars by government staff, with contractor transport of specialized equipment
 - Proposing revisions to existing local responder policies to allow coverage of cross-border incidents

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