

TRAINING AND EXERCISE WORKGROUP NOTES

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

NOAA Center for Weather and Climate Prediction, College Park, Maryland

Training and Exercise Workgroup Session

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- Inaugural session – identify goals
- RCP Workgroup edits related to Training & Exercise Workgroup edits from Kevin Gaynor
 - Added language regarding how many of each type of drills/exercises should occur in a certain period of time. “At a minimum, RRT3 should conduct XX notification drills, XX activation drills, and at least 1 tabletop exercise in XX-year period.”
 - Activation exercise hasn’t occurred in a while.
 - What does an activation exercise entail? – Plan to have tabletop exercise in May Meeting
 - Is there going to continue to be a national level exercise? Answer: NLE program has somewhat died. Plan to reengage.
 - Annual notification, activation, and tabletop exercises
 - Comment regarding technical and training services from workgroup. Will T&E WG provide this service? Answer: T&E WG will not provide and stage exercises. Amended to maintain schedule of exercises and training events on the RRT3 website.
- Updated 2025 Work Plan objectives for group
- On website, link to Microsoft form for Training and Exercise Recommendations. Anyone can submit. Once recommendation is quality assured, it will appear on dashboard on the website.
 - Once training occurs, it will be removed from the dashboard. Plan to create an archival area for past trainings
- Include section to add training on agenda during WG meetings to alert
- Tracy asks if there is a way to add poll to outreach what the needs are for trainings
 - Need to determine best route to accomplish this objective
 - A way for community to ask for more information regarding hot topics
- May 2025 RRT Exercise
 - Influenced by Region 7
 - Plan how to tell the story of the incident
 - Have people describe what they think their role is in the incident
 - Discuss with other agencies what your agency can bring to the incident.
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Concluded at 13:59

Meeting Attendance Roster

Attendee Name	Attendee Organization
Ben Anderson	DE DNREC

Bartos, Myles	US EPA
Bastias, Sabina	US EPA
Boyd, Kevin	US EPA
Csulak, Frank	DOC - NOAA
Gaynor, Kevin	US EPA
Heym, Kevin	US EPA
Lohman, Elizabeth	VADEQ
Moore, Brian	PADEP
Muse, Katlyn	Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research
Nelson, John	DOI
Nunez, Candice	USACE
Pillow, Lauren	VADEQ
Pugh, Dave	USCG
Thorkilson, Kelly	USCG D5
Towle, Mike	US EPA
Townsend, Tracey	OSHA
Wilson, Daniel	Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research