

**STATE/FRMAC SEMI-ANNUAL WEBINAR**  
**July 19, 2023**

**FRMAC WORKING GROUP UPDATES**

- Brian Hunt Chair for the Assessment Working Group updates (see slide presentation)
  - Reiterated information on slides
  - In person training still limited at this time, if you have a specific request, you can send it and we can see what we can do to help. Its available but limited.
  - Contact information for the Assessment Working Group: Brian Hunt, [bhunt@sandia.gov](mailto:bhunt@sandia.gov)
  
- Sean Fournier Chair for the Lab Analysis Working Group updates (see slide presentation)
  - Reiterated information on slides
  - Gamma Spectrometry Fundamentals course is a free six-hour course published through NIRT program, worked with EPA on content for this course. This course aimed at people at laboratories or anyone doing gamma spectrometry that is new to the field and can use some good foundational knowledge. Encourage anyone to distribute this opportunity to anyone interested. The course registration document to be distributed to anyone. They'll just need to create an account, put in the course code, and take the course at their leisure.
  - Laboratory Data Reporting (LA-075)
    - Deep dive into lab data reporting. This course is intended to go through data field by data field and explain what kind of data we want from the labs recorded in that electronic format and use as a scenario to guide labs through reporting date through different kind of analysis. Will be done by September 2023 and will be on the same website with new course code.
    - Free, online training: <https://snl.matrixlms.com/>
  - Contact information for the Laboratory Analysis Working Group: Sean Fournier, [sdfourn@sandia.gov](mailto:sdfourn@sandia.gov)
  
- Jeremy Gwin, Chair for Monitoring & Sampling Working Group presented updates (see slide presentation).
  - Reiterated information on slides
  - Contact information for the Monitoring Working Group is Jeremy Gwin, [gwinjs@nv.doe.gov](mailto:gwinjs@nv.doe.gov).

**Radiological Assistance Program Regional Updates**

- Kent Gray– RAP updates (see slide presentation)
  - Reiterated information on slides
  - No further discussion

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## **Exercise Updates From DOE/NNSA**

- Wendy Renno, Cobalt Magnet (CM25) Exercise Updates (see slide presentation)
  - Reiterated information on slides
  - No further discussion
  
- Scott Swehla, Navy Nuclear Propulsion Program (no slides)
  - Located in San Diego. Responsible for a response from a Naval nuclear power warship or radiological facility. Designated lead federal agency for coordinating the federal response. Navy unit with different area commanders assigned for different geographical regions where we have nuclear power warships (aircraft carriers, submarines).
  - Exercise schedule – In second cycle of 3-year plan.
    - A year following a joint exercise – look at response, collaboration, coordination, and work together to close gaps.
    - Second year – TTX to focus on processes and procedures (scheduled for December 13-14, 2023) with a tour on second day.
    - Third year – Joint training exercise, field training exercise where Navy and civilian partners walk through scenario in real time (Distinguished visitors day and JTX tentatively scheduled for March 2024).
  - If interested in observing or participating in TTX or JTX or you have radiological monitoring equipment or flyaway teams that you'd like to demonstrate please reach out to Scott Swehla at **[scott.c.swehla.civ@us.navy.mil](mailto:scott.c.swehla.civ@us.navy.mil)**

## **Rad Responder Updates**

- Jim Blais presented RadResponder updates (see slide presentation)
  - Reiterated information on slides
  - Contact information for Jim Blais, [james.blais@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:james.blais@fema.dhs.gov)
  - Support emails: **[support@radresponder.net](mailto:support@radresponder.net)**
  - No further discussion

## **National Radiological Emergency Preparedness Conference Updates**

- Kelly Van Buren, NREP Conference Updates (slide presentation)
  - Reiterated information on slides
  - 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Dallas Texas April 29-May 2, 2024
  - Abstracts accepted until 10/1/2023 and agenda ready between November and December registration open at the end of the year.
  - No further discussion

## **CRCPD update**

- Ruth McBurney and Ken Evans for CRCPD update (see slide presentation)
  - Reiterated information on slides
  - Opened meetings with online format. Can join meetings remotely. Encourage anyone with comments to contact Ken Evans
  - Requesting abstracts for next year's Annual Conference on Radiation Control which will be held in Jacksonville, Florida on May 20-23, 2024.
  - Working with DOE CM in having state representatives at Days After Workshop Part 2 in October 2023
  - Working with CDC to provide regional training on public health decision making in a radiological emergency. Next one will be in Atlanta on August 29-31, 2023. CDC has sent out notice to state radiation control programs and local government.
  - Continuing to coordinate with DOE CM to provide travel for state participation in RAPTER training.
  - No further discussion

## **FRMAC Partner Updates**

- Alvin Morris State/Federal Agency Updates (no slides)
  - Duggar Camp, FEMA – New NIRT Program Manager
  - Eliot Calhoun, DHS updates
  - Working on technical guidance on considerations for designing a background radiation characterization survey. Looking for feedback from state, local, tribal territorial partners in the coming months. If interested in looking for an early draft, reach out to Eliot at [\*\*eliot.calhoun@hq.dhs.gov\*\*](mailto:eliot.calhoun@hq.dhs.gov)
  - Alvin Morris - DOE updates
    - Incredibly busy working with mission partners domestically and internationally.
    - Dr. Jessica Feener accepted position as Consequence Management program manager for our office.
    - Continuing to support IPXs. Work through your FEMA regional assistance chairs to request support from DOE.
- Alvin Morris stated that the slide presentations will be sent out to participants on the [\*\*http://nss.gov/pages/programs/FRMAC/FRMAC\\_Outreach.html\*\*](http://nss.gov/pages/programs/FRMAC/FRMAC_Outreach.html) page.
- Next call on January 24, 2024