



Homeland Security and Emergency Services

Examples of HMEP Best Practices

Regional Projects:

Geographic Response Plans for Crude Oil and Regional HazMat Response: A regional HazMat consortium applied jointly as a region for a planning project to address the crude oil by rail hazard. The funds will be used to support developing plans for environmentally sensitive areas of concern, and also to develop a regional 3-county HazMat response plan to guide multi-county operations during response.

SARA Title III Plan Updates and Regional HazMat Response: A regional HazMat consortium applied jointly for funding to hire a consultant to update their county SARA Title III plans (including the transportation hazard), develop a regional hazmat response plan, and follow-up with a tabletop exercise to test the newly developed plan and complete and AAR/IP.

Regional Exercise: A regional HazMat consortium applied for funding to conduct tabletop exercises to address a crude oil by rail incident within the region. The exercise will involve counties that have rail lines traveling through them as well as mutual aid partners within the region. A consultant will conduct the exercise and be responsible for preparation of an AAR/IP.

Single County Projects:

County Specific Exercise: A county applied for funds to conduct two tabletop scenarios addressing the hazard of crude oil by rail in both urban and rural parts of the county. The full-day session will include participation by elected officials including the city's mayor and the county executive.

Commodity Flow Study: A county applied for funds to conduct a commodity flow study on a major transportation corridor that has experienced several significant transportation accidents in recent years, including one involving a truck hauling propane.

Geographic Response Plans: A county applied for funds to develop area specific response plans along a rail line and also along a major highway transportation corridor.

Crude Oil Exercise: A county applied for funds to purchase training foam (an exercise supply) to use for an exercise to allow local firefighters to practice applying foam for flammable liquid emergencies such as an incident involving crude oil by rail.