



Case Study: Cleveland Emergency Planning Unit

Cleveland Emergency Planning Unit produce offsite emergency response plans for 30 Top Tier sites



Executive Summary:

Background:

Cleveland Emergency Planning Unit produce off-site emergency response plans for 30 Top Tier sites as defined under the Control of Major Accident Hazard Regulations (amended 2005).

Cleveland saw the need for a full independent review to ensure structures and procedures in place were appropriate, because of this they approached EPC to do a full independent review.

EPC’s Solution:

In Line With the Latest Guidance

EPC are in a privileged position to be able to map the Cleveland plan against the latest legislation, guidance and good practice from across the country. Due to the large number of sites in the area, this needed to be carried out with minimal impact to day to day business . This is something that EPC have previous experience of.

Result:

Validate and Review

- Results highlighted the intense scrutiny the review was put under by EPC, and how effective the review had been.
- Areas of improvement were identified to give Cleveland a better understanding of areas that could be improved upon.

“Due to the number of sites we deal with it can often feel like an ongoing process. The review has been useful in allowing us to stop and reflect on what we do and how we do it. Having an independent review especially one undertaken with minimal impact on our day to day function has been a positive experience for all involved.”

Stuart Marshall, Chief Emergency Planning Officer, Cleveland Emergency Planning Unit

The Background:

Cleveland Emergency Planning Unit produce off-site emergency response plans for 30 Top Tier sites as defined under the Control of Major Accident Hazard Regulations (amended 2005).

The plans are produced on behalf of four local authorities and detail the multi-agency response to a range of hazards and locations. These plans need to:

- Demonstrate that planning has taken place as per legislation
- Act as a response manual in the event of an incident.

Cleveland approached EPC to do a full independent review.

The Solution:

The plans are regularly tested to ensure that they are accurate, practicable, comprehensive and are submitted to the Competent Authority (HSE and EA). Despite these controls it was felt that there was a need for an independent review to ensure that the structure and assumptions used by planners were appropriate and that any areas for improvement could be identified.

The EPC (Emergency Planning College) was in a position whereby they could independently map a Cleveland plan against legislation, guidance and good practice from across the country.

The work was undertaken in isolation and a concise report produced demonstrating compliance with statute and guidance. A number of recommendations were identified allowing us to further develop the plans. The work undertaken by the EPC was efficient with minimal impact on officer time.

The Result:

As a result of the review we can now demonstrate that the plans have received independent scrutiny.

The companies and the authorities on whose behalf we produce the plans received independent confirmation that the plans are appropriate and as a unit we have confidence that the plans produced reflect current good practice. A number of areas for consideration / improvement were identified allowing an improvement in the plans.

Those tasked with producing the plans benefited from the knowing that the independent feedback received was based on a clear framework and good practice.

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