



Case Study: Department of Energy and Climate Change and Suffolk Local Resilience Forum



Executive Summary:

Background:

Exercise Eagle was a large bespoke exercise, it involved around 18 different organisations and over 200 personnel.

The aim of the exercise was to test off-site emergency arrangements for responders should any reasonably foreseeable nuclear power accident occur.

The exercise needed to incorporate the dispersed locations throughout the UK of the responders involved, which is why the EPC subject matter experts were brought in, to make the conditions of the exercise as realistic as possible.

EPC's Solution:

Developing Adaptive Capacity

Detailed planning for the exercise was undertaken in partnership with the emergency planning staff from the Suffolk Local Resilience Forum (LRF)

The exercise was carried out in “real-time” with the objective of validating existing Central Government agency plans against local response and resilience arrangements.

Result:

Validate and Review

- A comprehensive post-exercise evaluation was carried out by EPC, including recommendations for remedial actions.
- Recommendations were incorporated into a National report on the exercise, this showed how the emergency planning doctrine is re-shaped from the lessons identified.

The Background:

Department of Energy and Climate Change and Suffolk Local Resilience Forum approached EPC to put together a complex exercise based around a real life scenario that would affect numerous responder groups up and down the country, this exercise was named Exercise Eagle.

The Solution:

Exercise Eagle was a complex simulated command-post exercise, the aim was to test off-site emergency arrangements for any reasonably foreseeable nuclear power accident.

The challenge was to coordinate this exercise which was rolled out across multiple levels of command, involving numerous agencies at dispersed locations across the UK.

Participants ranged from emergency services 1st responders, UK military, Local Resilience Forum strategic coordination, private sector crisis managers and government agencies. Government Ministerial participation throughout the exercise also had to be simulated.

200 personnel were deployed throughout the exercise theatre in “real-time” with the objective of validating existing Central Government agency plans against local response and resilience arrangements.

Detailed planning for the exercise was undertaken in partnership with the emergency planning staff from the Suffolk Local Resilience Forum (LRF) and comprehensive liaison maintained throughout the 5 month period of design and delivery with key LRF staff.

The Result:

Following the exercise the EPC continued its partnership with the LRF Emergency Planning Coordinator, providing them with a comprehensive post-exercise evaluation, including recommendations for remedial actions. A number of the recommendations have since been incorporated into the National report on the exercise, which will inform how the emergency planning doctrine is reshaped from the lessons identified.

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