

NATIONAL LEVEL EXERCISES EAGLE HORIZON

2011



Eagle Horizon 2011

Each year the BLM, under the direction of the DOI Office of Emergency Management, participates in an annual exercise of federal continuity of operations (COOP) plans.



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After Action Report

- A training broadcast “*A Manager’s Responsibilities for COOP Implementation*”, geared to managers and employees.
- 295 individuals registered for the broadcast
- 243 completed the training
- 1676 hits on this training topic in the KRC



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After Action Report

- Effective response to catastrophic natural or man-made events at all levels in the bureau requires the following activities:
 - identification of those employees necessary to accomplish those essential functions;
 - provision for accessibility to necessary IT and enterprise business software systems (GovTrip, FBMS, FPPS, FMIS, etc), and bureau databases, inventories, records, shared drives, etc., from locations other than the normal assigned duty station.



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- Transfer the current BLM devolution leadership, site, and operations from the Office of Fire and Aviation to the National Operations Center.



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- The bureau does not have an Emergency Management policy codified in a manual chapter.



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After Action Report

- The states and centers desire to react to the national emergency management scenario, regardless of whether their specific geographical locations are involved or not.



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Remote Access Test

The BLM remote access exercise was a new test during a COOP exercise. It was coordinated with the BLM CIO. The results were:

- 2024 employees attempted to access the network on May 23rd, 2010.
- There were 789 successful activations, approximately 38% of the bureau.



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After Actions Report

- Employee accountability systems are inconsistent across WO and the bureau as follows:
- The bureau does not have a centralized, redundant, national system for employee accountability during times of catastrophic emergency per DOI Personnel Bulletin 10-02 and Emergency Management Policy Guidance Bulletin 2010-1.



2010 INCIDENTS

- Two incidents occurred prior to Eagle Horizon 2010 (EH10); the earthquake affecting the BLM EL Centro Field Office (ECFO) in California; and the Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion.
- The earthquake occurred on April 4th in southern California, causing damage to the ECFO, necessitating an activation of their COOP plan.
- The earthquake, having occurred approximately a month prior to EH10, allowed time to add a briefing from the ECFO Safety Office to the scheduled COOP training broadcast.



2010 INCIDENTS

- The Deepwater Horizon oil spill caused FEMA to redirect federal resources to the spill response effort.
- DOI scaled back EH10 activities as required to prepare support to the oil spill. The BLM however, was able to continue with our planned exercise activities.



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- This year, EH11 will continue with the EH10 scenario, an improvised explosive device (nuclear) exploded in the Midwest.
- Threats to other regions of the country will prompt transfers of leadership, authorities, and relocations to alternate facilities in order to continue business operations.



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This process is called “devolution”, the transfer of statutory authorities and facilities in order to continue business operations.



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There will be two aspects of this exercise:

- COGCON (Continuity of Government Readiness Conditions)-the National Capital Region based series of steps (1 through 4, with one being the critical step).



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- The WO will prepare to devolve operations as the COGCON announcements are received during the week of June 20th.
- The State offices will test their devolution plans either through actual deployment to their alternate sites if feasible, or by tabletop exercises.



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- States will test the plan to relocate to their nearest alternate facility, according to their COOP plan.
- We want managers to test the ability to contact and account for employees during an emergency.



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Mission Essential Functions

The Mission Essential Functions of oil, gas, and mineral operations, payments and royalties will receive emphasis during EH11.



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Remote Access

The CIO group will conduct tests of the server network and remote access capabilities for employees.



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- An internal after action report will be generated for all exercise activities.
- Corrective action plans will be developed to resolve problems and deficiencies.

Thanks and lets lean forward to June 23rd!!!

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