Supporting Incident Response Through Robust Public Health Risk Assessment

‘Local Authority Commitment and Roles’

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Supporting Incident Response Content

- Context
- Acute Phase
- Incident Management
- Recovery
- Close of Incident
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Context – Major Incident
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Context – Not a Major Incident
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Acute Phase

• 24hr Response System
• Public Health Exposure
• What Happened
• Identify Population Exposed
• Assessment/Local Knowledge
• Identify Pathways
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Acute Phase

• Attend Site ASAP
• Take Lead Role
• Local Knowledge – EPR site, COMAH site – Piece Jigsaw Together
• Assess Exposure – Give Advice
• Communication – Office, PHW
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• PHW IMT Guidance
• Have a role on IMT
• Provide Knowledge and Services
• Sampling – PPE – Public Domain
  – Is best to have sample than not
• Document Actions
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Incident Management

• Communication Strategy
  – PHW
  – Local Members (caution Re: Public comments)
• Responses to be Clear and Risk Based
• Legislation
• As incident progresses; Potential IMT Chair
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Recovery Phase

• Historical Swansea Incidents
  – Public Safety 1\textsuperscript{st} – Argue costs later
• Costs – Fears…
• Remediation – if required
• Continued investigations once risk of exposure removed
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Close of Incident

• Incident Declared at an End
• Safe???
  – Response is RISK BASED
  – e.g. Petrol Odour Incident/CO incidents
• Likely to be the last organisation to leave
• Evaluation
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Thank You

Any Questions?

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