

NEPLG COMPLETED ACTIONS PAPER (FROM THE ACTION TRACKING PAPER) JULY 2007

Area For Improvement	Mentioned In Exercise	Response/Action	Outcome
<p>1. Notification.</p> <p>1.01 As part of the initial notification procedure to the Police it is assumed that they notify the local radio stations to put out the appropriate advice. The company need to ensure this is done as soon as Hexaflow declared.</p>	<p>Capenhurst 'EAGLE' 19/04/05</p>	<p>This issue is to be taken forward nationally to NEPLG at the meeting in January 2006. This issue is to be taken forward nationally to NEPLG at the meeting in January 2006.</p>	<p>Completed. LLSG considered this on 5 December 2005. They concluded that notification arrangements vary by location, and that agreement on the methods used to notify the public should be reached locally. Police would, however, use the media as a management tool as part of normal police procedure.</p>
<p>2. Set up of Facility.</p> <p>2.01 Consider pre-distributing LEC user guides to all possible attendees to ensure that even people who cannot attend training are familiar with layout and procedures.</p> <p>2.02 There are a number of issues relating to the LEC messaging system that require consideration. They are detailed at points 13-23 of the final Capenhurst report.</p>	<p>Hartlepool 'THOMAS' 27/06/01</p> <p>Capenhurst 'GALAXY' 25/04/02</p>	<p>NEPLG to consider recommending pre-distribution of LEC user guide for all LEC's.</p> <p>Review current messaging system. NEPLG to advise on best practice.</p>	<p>Completed. NEPLG support this recommendation and commend it to local organisations for action.</p> <p>Completed. NEPLG are encouraging transfer of best practice through networking.</p>

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<p>2.03 Some agencies felt that the rigid paper messaging system may have impacted on ability to provide advice in a timely and effective manner.</p> <p>2.04 Need for consistency in terminology for names of locations. On Site and Off Site Emergency Plans need to be reviewed for consistency of both actions and definitions / terminology.</p>	<p>Hartlepool 'THOMAS' 27/06/01</p> <p>Springfields 'HERON 2' 04/12/03</p>	<p>NEPLG to consider providing outline guidance on management of information in the LEC environment.</p> <p>NEPLG Lessons Learned Sub-Group to advise on conflicts of terminologies within different plans.</p>	<p>Completed. ACPO's LEC User Guide now published (as 'LEC Good Practice Guide'). It is available at www.acpo.police.uk, under 'policies'. Info management is largely a local issue but the guide does offer generic advice.</p> <p>Completed. NEPLG LL Sub-Group consider that differences in terminology are acceptable as long as they are clearly defined in organisations terms of reference. LLSG to keep under constant review and revisit every 2 years to see if changes are warranted.</p>
<p>3. Supply of information to SCC.</p> <p>3.01 Strategic technical information was slow to be circulated to other agencies and lacked crucial detail.</p>	<p>Hunterston B 'VERILY' 26/06/02</p>	<p>There is a need to consider a 'MANERS' type course which can be deployed in any location. In the light of this all organisations need to consider the appropriateness of training provided to responders.</p>	<p>Completed. This has been taken on board in the revised MANERS course.</p>

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<p>3.02 The availability of early radiological monitoring information to a standard acceptable to the public was not present.</p>	<p>Torness 'YETI' 30/10/2003</p>	<p>There are arrangements between operators and other agencies to provide support/mutual aid during an emergency. These arrangements are co-ordinated via the Nuclear Emergency Arrangements Forum (NEAF).</p>	<p>Closed. Resources for radiation monitoring are unlikely to increase.</p>
<p>3.03 There were delays in receiving radiological data from British Energy and NRPB. For example, results of surface contamination measurements, dose contours and internal thyroid dose predictions.</p>	<p>Hartlepool 'ZODIAC' 07/07/2004</p>	<p>A generic issue. Priority is given to obtaining air sample data. NEPLG should review the standard radiological monitoring and displays required.</p>	<p>Closed. Raised due to a misunderstanding of how monitoring is carried out.</p>
<p>3.04 It took a long time to get any meaningful ground monitoring data. There seems to be a predilection for collecting air samples and then for returning post release to collect ground monitoring data. Operator response Organisation did not have challenging approach to determining source term or duration of release.</p>	<p>Sizewell B 'DANUBE' 28/09/2005</p>	<p>Whilst a release continues ground contamination is still building up but some ground contamination data could be collected whilst air samples are taken. However this may risk the contamination of BE survey vehicles. This information is valuable to EA, HPA and FSA in allowing them to build up a picture from which to make assessments. Ground monitoring to be fed into NEPLG as a national issue. Noted: Action carried out by CESC by BE, but not communicated quickly enough for LEC requirements.</p>	<p>Closed. Resources for radiation monitoring are unlikely to increase.</p>

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<p>3.05 There was no agreed standard for agencies regarding decision logs and policy statements within the LEC. There was an ad hoc method of recording decisions. There was no apparent evidence of the message tracking system, much was done verbally. Personal notes may not be adequate at a subsequent inquiry.</p>	<p>Hinkley Point B 'FROME' 19/01/2006</p>	<p>A national standard is required on the practice for log keeping and decision making logs during an emergency response. The standard should be suitable for an all hazards response to assist with the audit trail for a possible Public Inquiry post event.</p>	<p>Completed. ACPO has agreed to append a generic decision log to the LEC User Guide.</p>
<p>4. Interpretation of information.</p> <p>4.01 To identify future exercises from the 3 year programme which could be used for testing return to normality and longer term issues.</p> <p>4.02 Lack of monitoring data (because it may have been too soon) coupled with the focus of the SCG on immediate on-site impact of the incident, caused RWG to wrongly stray into consideration of aspects of ongoing off-site response.</p> <p>4.03 FSA & NRPB frustrated by lack of positive radiological readings to work on.</p>	<p>Heysham 'SAMSON' 14/02/01</p> <p>Dungeness A 'FREYA' 27/03//02</p> <p>Hartlepool 'THOMAS' 27/06/01</p>	<p>HSE/NII have made proposals for identifying suitable exercises in which this topic can be more extensively tested. NEPLG support this idea.</p> <p>A new issue for consideration by NEPLG.</p> <p>National guidance on frequency of using 'non standard' exercise scenarios to be developed.</p>	<p>Completed. Chapter 5 of Consolidated Guidance describes process.</p> <p>Completed. The recently re-issued Chapter 16 of the Consolidated Guidance and the new Chapter 17 have clarified the relationship between RWG and SCG.</p> <p>Completed. Chapter 5 of Consolidated Guidance covers this aspect.</p>

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<p>4.04 No plan exists for the supply and distribution of Potassium Iodate tablets outside of the DEPZ.</p>	<p>Hinkley Point B 'FROME' 19/01/2006</p>	<p>NEPLG Guidance, Chapter 9 states that the plan must be capable of being extended but detailed planning was not practical. Distribution of Potassium Iodate tablets outside the DEPZ was last tested at Level 3 Exercise ISIS (Bradwell) and planning beyond the DEPZ will continue to be tested every 4 - 5 years. NEPLG to monitor the frequency of testing the extendibility of off-site plans.</p>	<p>Completed. NEPLG already monitors the frequency of testing the extendibility of off-site plans. The next extendibility exercise is scheduled for Exercise Oscar 8, Sellafield, 3 October 2006.</p>
<p>4.05 Public Information was contradictory in some areas, e.g. DTI statement that there were "no consequences to the food chain" from the incident, while the FSA had issued precautionary advice over a relatively large area.</p>	<p>Hinkley Point B 'FROME' 19/01/2006</p>	<p>NEPLG to review how national agencies co-ordinate their response with information also being provided locally from the LEC. NEPLG should consider how to reinforce the roles and responsibilities of all Government Departments to ensure there is full co-ordination and communication between them.</p>	<p>Closed. The roles and responsibilities of responding organisations are clearly laid out in Chapter 4 of the NEPLG Consolidated Guidance. The co-ordination of local and national information to the public has been considered by the NEPLG Media Sub-Group and addressed in the Media Plan.</p>

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<p>5. Information exchanges and teamworking.</p> <p>5.01 Consider the overlap of roles & responsibilities between the Health Advisory Group (HAG) and the Recovery Working Group (RWG). The management of actions/advice from these groups; their feedback to Police Gold, and interface with the main co-ordination group (SCG).</p> <p>5.02 HAG needs to have tailored membership in terms of expertise but still worked well on this occasion.</p> <p>5.03 There may be a need for more senior GO representation at the LEC to cover Gold and RWG roles. Also the need to attend HAG as GORs now have a responsibility for health issues.</p> <p>5.04 Consider role of NHS Direct.</p>	<p>Hinkley Point B 'QUARTUS' 26/10/00</p> <p>Oldbury 'Hera' 20/11/01</p> <p>Bradwell 'ISIS' 10/05/02</p> <p>Sellafield 'OSCAR 6' 5-6/10/00</p>	<p>There has been discussion in NEPLG and this is already covered by NEPLG Guidance. The formal position is that the DPH is the key advisor on Health issues.</p> <p>Review of all subgroup membership and standard agendas taking place at NEPLG as a result of Hunterston 'A' Level 2 exercise during June 2001.</p> <p>NEPLG to review current advice on establishment of RWG, HAG and LEC representative numbers in view of the apparent conflict.</p> <p>A new issue for consideration by NEPLG.</p>	<p>Completed. As 4.2.</p> <p>Completed. DOH has further clarified the role and membership of the HAG at a recent NEPLG LLSG meeting. The PRSG to consider refining guidance.</p> <p>As 5.2 and 5.5.</p> <p>Completed. NHS Direct and DH, with advice from NRPB, are preparing advice sheets for NHS Direct operators to use in the event of a radiological emergency.</p>

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<p>5.05 Simultaneous meetings are difficult to resource even with two staff, leaving no one on occasions to relay information to/from the head office.</p>	<p>Dungeness A 'FREYA' 27/03/02</p>	<p>NEPLG to consider its current guidance for attendance levels at the LEC.</p>	<p>Completed. Custom and practice on this is agreed at the LEC. ACPO advise that they see no reason to change the position at the current time. No further action.</p>
<p>5.06 Would support further development and review of the JHAG and RWG functions as recommended at the Cold Debrief. It was noted that RWG would draw in the Highways Agency.</p>	<p>Dungeness A 'FREYA' 27/03/02</p>	<p>NEPLG to consider review of JHAG and RWG functions.</p>	<p>As 5.2 & 5.3.</p>
<p>5.07 Agencies must be given a deadline to notify players and this information collated by the operator. NEPLG should issue a directive which all agencies sign-on to.</p>	<p>Berkeley 'CALYPSO' 05/04/00</p>	<p>LLSG agree.</p>	<p>Completed. It is NEPLG advice that details of all participants must be notified to the operator at least 48 hours before the start of an exercise. NEPLG to issue appropriate reminders.</p>
<p>5.08 Not all agencies represented at LEC.</p>	<p>Dungeness B 'XENON' 18/09/03</p>	<p>NEPLG to stress the importance of multi-agency response to members.</p>	<p>Completed. NEPLG to revisit regularly to ensure all organisations are participating fully. Absence of key agencies devalues exercises as a whole, not just for those agencies that do not participate.</p>

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<p>5.09 Some agencies did not share information around their own agency. Movement of information stalled by incorrect form usage Role and Chair of HAG caused confusion to some SCG members Agendas for meetings would have helped</p>	<p>Springfields 'HERON 2' 04/12/03</p>	<p>All agencies and organisations with a presence at the OSF / LEC to ensure that as far as is reasonably practicable that all attendees are familiar with the layout and fully aware of the procedures and their role at the OSF / LEC.</p>	<p>Completed. NEPLG to revisit regularly to ensure all organisations are participating fully. It is important that exercise participants attend OSF training days. Each OSF has a functional guide and participants should familiarise themselves with them before exercises. Participants should also familiarise themselves with Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Guidance – Roles and Responsibilities.</p>
<p>6. Strategic decision making.</p> <p>6.01 Only a limited number of organisations are useful in assessing the situation and identifying countermeasures. Would recommend key players only at the early stages. Many only seem to have a role in the recovery phase.</p> <p>6.02 Planning assumptions and data insufficient for Cross County plans for evacuation. Concerns over practical implementation of countermeasures. Info on resources needed for countermeasures beyond DEPZ.</p>	<p>Bradwell 'ISIS' 10/05/02</p> <p>Bradwell 'ISIS' 10/05/2002</p>	<p>NEPLG to consider in updating consolidated guidance.</p> <p>NEPLG to consider and take forward to the CCS those aspects which go wider than nuclear response.</p>	<p>Completed. NEPLG believe this is a matter for the police in the light of circumstances at the time.</p> <p>Closed. This falls outside NEPLG's remit and has been referred to CCS.</p>

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<p>6.03 Does/Could/Should Gold, JHAG and RWG use standard risk assessment systems as part of discussions and decision making process for the long term strategic aims and objectives in addition to the rapid reaction to Phase 1.</p>	<p>Dungeness A 'FREYA' 27/03/02</p>	<p>DEFRA to advise NEPLG on standard risk assessments.</p>	<p>Completed. Risk criteria are there to be followed. Risk assessments are already made, and used.</p>
<p>6.04 Some appreciation of disposal issues could be included in a larger exercise.</p>	<p>Dungeness A 'FREYA' 27/03/02</p>	<p>NEPLG to consider.</p>	<p>Completed. The issues raised in relation to disposal are huge. GDRS will take this issue further forward. The UK Recovery Handbook has been issued, the revised Consolidated Guidance Chapter 16 and the new Chapter 17 refer, and work is ongoing in Scotland. It is a local issue and, as such, NEPLG guidance cannot cover every eventuality.</p>
<p>6.05 The SCG did not address more than the standard agenda and did not take account of the different, short, medium and long term issues.</p>	<p>Hunterston A 'EPONA' 20/06/01</p>	<p>NEPLG to review the contents of the standard agenda.</p>	<p>Completed. ACPO's Good Practice Guide is available at www.acpo.police.uk, under 'policies'. The standard agenda has been amended to include 'Recovery and Medium/Long Term Issues'</p>

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<p>6.06 When questioned by the Chair, some agencies struggled to provide timely, clear and concise advise on which to base strategic decisions.</p>	<p>Hunterston B 'VERILY' 26/06/02</p>	<p>All organisations need to consider the appropriateness of training provided to responders. Consideration should be given to running a 'MANERS' type course in Scotland.</p>	<p>Completed. As 3.1.</p>
<p>6.07 Co-ordinators situational report has evolved over a number of years but there is no supporting literature to provide guidance on the type and quantity of information, identifying the agency required to provide it and responsibility for compilation and dissemination of the report.</p>	<p>Hunterston A 'EPONA' 20/06/01</p>	<p>Review document and provide guidance for agencies who have responsibility for contributing to it.</p>	<p>Completed. ACPO Scotland writing to Scottish forces concerning adoption of LEC User Guide.</p>
<p>6.08 Provide the constitution (terms of ref, aims and objectives), composition and standing agenda items of the SCG as a document to complement the 'Structure of Meetings' paper. Neither DEFRA or FSA have a position on the SCG.</p>	<p>Dungeness A 'FREYA' 27/03/02</p>	<p>NEPLG to consider review of SCG membership etc and advise.</p>	<p>Completed. As 6.1.</p>
<p>6.09 There was a failure to spot that some key agencies were missing. A formal 'head count' around the table, aided by the place settings, would help ensure that all parties that should be in attendance were in fact present.</p>	<p>Trawsfynydd 'MINERVA' 18/06/03</p>	<p>Generic issue for NEPLG to note.</p>	<p>Completed. As 5.8. NEPLG to revisit regularly to ensure all organisations are participating fully. A formal "head count", supplemented by place settings, would quickly determine missing parties.</p>

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<p>6.10 The attendance of GOSW was a relatively new development arising from the setting up of the GO's.</p>	<p>Berkeley 'LUNA' 02/09/03</p>	<p>This needs to be considered in future revisions of the NEPLG Consolidated Guidance and recognised in ACPO's arrangements. There may need to be further thought given to responsibilities of the GO vis-à-vis other agencies, particularly in respect of the possible role to the GO versus that of Chief Executive of the LA taking over in the Recovery Phase.</p>	<p>Completed. Consolidated Guidance Chapter 4 – Roles and Responsibilities has been updated and published.</p>
<p>6.11 The issue of current guidance to ambulance staff regarding handling contaminated casualties required consideration.</p>	<p>Berkeley 'LUNA' 02/09/03</p>	<p>This is being discussed nationally by NEPLG. BNFL and BE are also meeting with the Ambulance Association in order to address this issue further.</p>	<p>Completed. There has been a recent addition to DoH guidance on this issue and DOH agreed to clarify existing arrangements for dealing with contaminated patients with the ambulance service and the position re dosage monitoring equipment. A meeting of British Energy and blue light services has taken place to eradicate confusion for fixed sites. Dialogue will continue at NEAF.</p>

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<p>6.12 Stand-up SCG meetings could be proposed nationally but would need higher table/lectern for comfort.</p>	<p>Dungeness B 'Xenon' 18/09/03</p>	<p>NEPLG to share this nationally.</p>	<p>Completed. The LLSG Review of Level 2 & 3 Exercises 2003/2004, Paper (LL) (04) 1 refers. This is largely a local issue. Strategic Gold Command may wish to incorporate locally if desired.</p>
<p>6.13 Decisions on countermeasures were made without consultation of JHAC members as the group was not called.</p>	<p>Sizewell A 'NEMESIS' 24/03/2004</p>	<p>NEPLG to clarify mechanism for setting up JHAC.</p>	<p>Completed. The new countermeasures strategy supersedes this. The strategy opens the way for this to be resolved locally. NEPLG have endorsed the strategy's flexibility for local decisions to be taken.</p>
<p>6.19 There was a good structure to the way in which the SCG was run. The time-outs before strategic meetings to brief/discuss issues with the GTA were a good concept. Good minute taking and prompt distribution.</p>	<p>Hinkley Point B 'FROME' 19/01/2006</p>	<p>The performance of the SCG was seen as a good practice and to be replicated via NEPLG.</p>	<p>Completed. Disseminated via LLSG.</p>

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<p>6.20 Handover from GTA NII to GTA EA needs to be formalised as currently the GTA to the Environment Agency handover procedure is ad-hoc and there appears to be no specific guidance beyond general principles in the NEPLG Consolidated Guidance.</p> <p>6.21 The GTA from the NII approached EA at the LEC to hand over GTA role. Until NEPLG guidance is revised, there will be an expectation that the EA will provide a GTA for recovery.</p>	<p>Hinkley Point B 'FROME' 19/01/2006</p> <p>Dungeness B 'GANGES' 27/09/2006</p>	<p>Review NEPLG Consolidated Guidance to include the formal handover procedure between the GTA HMNII to GTA Environment Agency.</p> <p>An action from previous level 2 exercises, confirm which agency represents the GTA for recovery and update NEPLG Consolidated Guidance</p>	<p>Completed. Representatives of DTI, MOD, DEFRA, EA, Scottish Executive, SEPA and Welsh Assembly met on 20 March 2006. They concluded that a GTA was not appropriate for the recovery phase in either civil nuclear or MoD emergencies. NEPLG Guidance to be reviewed accordingly.</p> <p>Closed. The Consolidated Guidance has been updated.</p>
<p>7. Communication and public information.</p> <p>7.01 Consider delegation of media information co-ordination to a Strategic Co-ordination Group (SCG).</p> <p>7.02 There was a lack of reassurance messages. In Sussex, only told not affected by the incident.</p>	<p>Hunterston 'ARRAN' 20-21/10/99</p> <p>Dungeness A 'FREYA' 27/03/02</p>	<p>The topic will be discussed further at the NEPLG Information to the Public Sub-Group.</p> <p>NEPLG to discuss and review media co-ordination.</p>	<p>Completed. Draft Media Chapter of NEPLG Consolidated Guidance now prepared, British Energy taking forward.</p> <p>Completed. NEPLG see this as a matter for local decision at the time.</p>

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<p>7.03 Several organisations commented that participating organisations should do more to test their media response through participation in media briefing sessions and mock TV interviews.</p>	<p>Hartlepool 'THOMAS' 27/06/01</p>	<p>Organisations to be made aware that media briefing sessions and media simulation will be available in next level 2.</p>	<p>Completed. Chapter 5 of Consolidated Guidance refers.</p>
<p>7.04 To identify a group of exercises from the national 3 year rolling programme which could best demonstrate the full media response industry-wide.</p>	<p>Heysham 1 'SAMSON' 14/02/2001</p>	<p>NEPLG considered the issue with HSE/NII and agreed it should be resolved through Media sub-Group.</p>	<p>Closed. The testing of media arrangements is now ongoing.</p>
<p>7.05 A check should be made that feedback from centres external to LEC has been completed prior to exercise/genuine event being terminated e.g. assurance from station that reactor is in "safe" state. There was some confusion at other off-site centres regarding the stand down of this exercise.</p>	<p>Sizewell B 'WULFSTAN' 25/09/02</p>	<p>Criteria for standing down Level 2 and 3 exercises to be developed.</p>	<p>Completed. Chapter 5 of Consolidated Guidance refers. This should be done in consultation with the Exercise Director.</p>
<p>7.06 The means by which information is communicated to the public is changing.</p>	<p>Hinkley Point B 'QUARTUS' 26/10/00</p>	<p>The impact of this needs to be reviewed by NEPLG. The full range of communications routes from Parish Council to the Internet should be used.</p>	<p>Completed. As 7.1.</p>
<p>7.07 Consider principle of formulating pre-prepared and agreed statements to provide 'precautionary advice' and 'public reassurance' on a multi-agency basis.</p>	<p>Dungeness A 'FREYA' 27/03/2002</p>	<p>Final decisions regarding agency responses may rest with individual agencies.</p>	<p>Closed. NII will ensure that examples are attached to off-site plans.</p>

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<p>7.08 Different agencies were briefed simultaneously and it was not clear that a consistent message was being delivered.</p> <p>7.09 The scenario, although highly unlikely, illustrated the lack of preparedness by some agencies in advising in the event of a release that was primarily chemo-toxic rather than radiological. This was clearly an issue for the HPA.</p> <p>7.10 The role of Government Office NE representative was unclear and at times caused confusion. Their role appeared to be "represent wider Government interests."</p>	<p>Hunterston A 'EPONA' 20/06/01</p> <p>Springfields 'HERON 2' 04/12/2003</p> <p>Hartlepool 'ZODIAC' 07/07/2004</p>	<p>Annual media briefing exercise to be considered by NEPLG.</p> <p>Using the BNFL Media Briefing Pack as a guide, all agencies and unitary authorities to prepare brief and concise information leaflets for dissemination to the Media.</p> <p>It should be noted the role of Government Office is evolving and Exercise "Zodiac" should be used to inform the discussion on how the Government might function in the future.</p>	<p>Completed. Chapter 5 of Consolidated Guidance refers.</p> <p>Completed. All sites should check what information on chemo-toxic release can be made available. HPA Radiation Protection Division has integrated further with the chemical side since April and is therefore better equipped to deal.</p> <p>Completed. Chapter 4 of the Consolidated Guidance - The Roles and Responsibilities of Responding Organisations has been updated to take account of the GO role. This is interim guidance dependent on the Regional Resilience Teams role being clarified by CCS. DTI is actively working with Regional Resilience Teams to clarify roles.</p>

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<p>7.11 It is unclear how initial press statements are agreed when Gold is not in post.</p>	<p>Hinkley Point B 'FROME' 19/01/2006</p>	<p>Consider an initial generic all-agency pre-prepared press statement to be included in the Off-Site Plan to be used prior to the arrival of Police Gold Commander in post.</p>	<p>Closed. Early press statements are issued by the operator prior to the establishment of the SCC/MBC. Nevertheless, the issue of pre-prepared press statements prior to the establishment of the SCC will be considered by the new Media Sub-Group.</p>
<p>8. Facilities and equipment.</p> <p>8.01 The split of participants between 'company' and 'Agency/Gold' rooms was considered to have led to a degradation in information transfer in the LEC.</p>	<p>Hartlepool 'THOMAS' 27/06/01</p>	<p>Police had followed NEPLG guidance in changes to LEC. NEPLG to address this issue nationally.</p>	<p>Completed. Not specifically covered in LEC Good Practice Guide as this is a local issue, though the guide encourages people to leave their workstations and interact with each other.</p>

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<p>8.02 Status board not kept up to date. Lack of 'phone/network and power points. One telephone per agency inadequate. Poorly located fax machine with no paper provided. No printers. Recommend one or two desktop pc's with printers in each room. LEC cramped, ambulance, County and HA should be in same cell to facilitate joint responses.</p>	<p>Bradwell 'ISIS' 10/05/02</p>	<p>Review IT/Power needs of LEC's and location of different agencies within them. Raise with NEPLG as general issue.</p>	<p>Completed. A local issue. LEC Good Practice Guide refers. Each agency should have its own workspace, telephone line, and power points. Room availability a local issue, some LEC's attempt to group agencies with a connection in the same room. For instance, Fire Brigade, Ambulance. DoH in the same room. To re-visit later if necessary.</p>
<p>8.03 Media cell floundered at times because of a lack of press officer representation from key organisations. This results in difficulties in drafting and agreeing reassuring public messages.</p>	<p>Hunterston A 'EPONA' 20/06/01</p>	<p>To be taken up by NEPLG as this is a continuing problem at level 2/3 exercises.</p>	<p>Completed. NEPLG consider it most important that there should be appropriate press office support in exercises. NEPLG to issue appropriate reminders.</p>
<p>8.04 The number of agencies in the LEC should be considered nationally to streamline attendance.</p>	<p>Bradwell 'ISIS' 10/05/02</p>	<p>NEPLG to consider. Relates to several previous comments about overcrowding etc and decision making</p>	<p>Completed. As 6.1.</p>

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<p>8.05 Only one phone line was available to the team and this was taken up by a modem. Extra phone lines for each team are required.</p>	<p>Sizewell A 'NEMESIS' 24/03/2004</p>	<p>This is an issue at most LECs and is being addressed at NEPLG.</p>	<p>Completed. Demands on mobile phone network would be massive. Landlines are the most robust in an emergency. The expectation is that organisations can bring in laptops as well as have landline access by phone. In managing the debrief process it is important to emphasise that use of buildings reflects that it is an exercise and more space could be provided if necessary. The LEC Guidance is a minimum standard, best practice would suggest at least 2 lines per organisation. If it has more than just strategic functions, then more may be needed.</p>
<p>8.06 The use of TIIMS, the Internet and other Intranet access were not embraced as they would have to be if the incident was 'real'.</p>	<p>Oldbury 'SUMMER' 17/11/2004</p>	<p>Although this is difficult to simulate for exercises, NEPLG to consider the Devon & Cornwall IT system which has recently been developed to cover these circumstances and which may be a fore runner of a National scheme.</p>	<p>Closed. The Media Sub Group continues to consider all forms of internal and external communications.</p>

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9.01 Participants No issues.			

Recommendations from the Lessons Learned Sub Group arising from Level 2 and 3 Exercises.

Recommendation	Progress/Completion	Source Document	Related Actions
01.05 NEPLG are asked to support remittance of the issue concerning production of a uniform industry set of coded declaration states in the notification process to the Nuclear Emergency Arrangements Forum (NEAF) for deliberation, with view to production of guidance.	Closed. Operators are now mandated to use the term Off-site Nuclear Emergency following updates to their procedures.	NEPLG (LL) 05 1	<i>None.</i>
02.05 NEPLG are recommended to support the work begun by HPA-RPD and DH regarding radiological monitoring capabilities and co-ordination, and ensure its funding with the continuing aim of producing a standard suitable for public assurance.	Closed. NEPLG endorsed recommendation – 27 July 2005.	NEPLG (LL) 05 1	3.02 3.03 3.04
03.05 NEPLG are recommended to support the HPA-RPD initiative concerning interpretation of monitoring results with a view to developing a standardised approach.	Closed. NEPLG endorsed recommendation – 27 July 2005.	NEPLG (LL) 05 1	3.02 3.03 3.04
04.05 NEPLG are asked to note that PRSG will support the review of arrangements and terms of reference for HAGs/JHACs, also ensuring consistency with other developments.	Closed. NEPLG endorsed recommendation – 27 July 2005.	NEPLG (LL) 05 1	5.10 6.14 6.15 9.01
05.05 NEPLG to support the continuation of the work to resolve the issue of emergency services response. In particular, to support the need for realistic risk assessments and to ensure the Consolidated Guidance provides clarity and confirmation in their ability to respond.	Closed. NEPLG endorsed recommendation – 27 July 2005.	NEPLG (LL) 05 1	6.16 6.17

Recommendation	Progress/Completion	Source Document	Related Actions
<p>01.06 NEPLG to consider whether radiation monitoring protocols should include appropriate ground deposition data collection, taking into account any net data collation delay as well as potential dose aspects for monitoring teams. (This links with ongoing work arising from recommendation 02.05 of the NEPLG (LL) (05) 1 report and also notes that provision of early information to support health protection measures for the public remains the key priority).</p>	<p>Closed. NEPLG endorsed recommendation – 4 July 2006.</p>	<p>NEPLG (LL) (06)</p>	<p>3.04</p>
<p>02.06 NEPLG to endorse and action via CCS as appropriate, the development of a national guidance for log keeping and decision making records in OSFs/LECs</p>	<p>Closed. ACPO has agreed to append a generic decision log to the LEC User Guide.</p>	<p>NEPLG (LL) (06)</p>	<p>3.05</p>