

Emergency Exercises Report to the West Cumbria Site Stakeholder Group
Emergency Planning Sub Committee

Introduction

This is a summary of the issues arising from the formal exercises held by the Site Emergency Planning Office for the period since the last meeting. The dates for exercises planned for the period up to the next meeting are listed at the end.

Exercises:

There were two site exercises scheduled as follows:

13 October 2010 Counter Terrorism annual exercise.
4 November 2010 Level 1 demonstration exercise.

13 October 2010 Counter Terrorism annual exercise will be discussed as a separate item on the agenda.

4 November 2010 The Level 1 demonstration exercise was postponed until 9th December 2010 due to ongoing recovery operations from the Water Supply Interruption Event. However due to severe weather conditions on 9th December the exercise could not take place and was cancelled.

Events:

3 November 2010 On 2nd November problems with the site's water supply were noticed. Excavation of the pipeline supplies revealed significant leaks. Contingency measures were put in place to reduce consumption and access other diverse supplies. One line of supply was repaired and brought back into operation, allowing the reservoir to be refilled overnight. The second line repair was undertaken over the following two days.

The main learning points were:

- Good response by Sellafield Fire & Rescue Service.
- Good assistance by Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service to provide cover at Sellafield site and by having their Emergency Pump on standby at Kendal.
- Acceleration of the asset repair plan for the water supply pipework.
- Improved communications for Sellafield Utilities team when working off-site.

Future Exercises

12 May 2011 Level 1 demonstration exercise.
15 September 2011 Roll Call and Communications exercise.