

Alignment of Emergency Response Outcomes with Core Capabilities by Mission Areas

Alignment Overview

The *National Preparedness Goal* defines what it means for the whole community to be prepared for all types of disasters and emergencies. The goal itself is succinct: “A secure and resilient nation with the capabilities required across the whole community to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk.” These risks include events such as natural disasters, disease pandemics, chemical spills and other manmade hazards, terrorist attacks and cyber-attacks.

In addition to defining the goal, the *National Preparedness Goal* describes 32 activities, called core capabilities that address the greatest risks to the nation. The *National Preparedness Goal* organizes the core capabilities into the five mission areas – prevention, protection, mitigation, response and recovery – based on where they most logically fit.

These capabilities are referenced in many national preparedness efforts and are intended to assist everyone who has a role in achieving elements within the goal. As such the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program has aligned the *Exercise Policy and Guidance 2012* Emergency Response Outcomes (ERO) to the core capabilities; the alignment is illustrated on the following ERO-Core Capabilities Map.

Recognizing that preparedness is a shared responsibility —not just the government— the intended audience for this alignment document is the whole community because preparedness efforts involve and affect the whole community. The *National Preparedness System* outlines an organized process for everyone in the whole community to move forward with their preparedness activities and achieve the *National Preparedness Goal*. The alignment depicts how the whole community can validate its capabilities in order to identify gaps in plans, continue to build and sustain capabilities, as well as progress toward meeting preparedness goals.

ERO-Core Capabilities Map Explanation and Instructions

The following ERO-Core Capabilities Map consists of 11 pages – an initial summary page that consolidates the “summary “columns from each of the subsequent ERO pages, and 10 ERO pages (EROs 5 and 6 occupy two pages) that link each Exercise Evaluation Guides (EEG) to one or more core capability.

Specifically, along the left side of the summary and subsequent ERO pages the mission areas and associated core capabilities are listed and color coded for clarity. For example, the common mission area and planning, public information and warning and operational coordination core capabilities are shaded in purple demarcating that these core capabilities are associated with the common mission area. (With the exception of the common mission area the color scheme follows that which is used in the 2016

National Preparedness Report). Along the top of the summary and subsequent pages the EROs and EEGs are listed, an “X” denotes the ERO and EEG associated with one or more of the core capabilities.

Program managers and exercise co-directors may want to display the summary page when introducing this new material; it illustrates that the focus of the annual CSEPP exercise is response. For practical purposes, however, exercise co-directors and trusted agents should use the individual ERO pages in selecting which core capabilities are demonstrated by a specific element of the jurisdictional extent-of-play or are related to a specific Master Scenario Events List entry. Once the ERO-Core Capabilities Map is vetted by Federal, State and local stakeholders the final version will be provided in the *CSEPP Exercise Policy and Guidance*.