

An aerial photograph of a wide river valley. In the background, a large dam spans across the river. The surrounding landscape is hilly and green, with some buildings visible in the distance. The sky is overcast.

Welcome to the

Fourth Border 2012 National Coordinators Meeting

Goal 5: Emergency Preparedness and Response Border-Wide Workgroup Accomplishments and Action Items

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Goal 5: Accomplishments to Date

- Signed and implemented 14 bi-national local Emergency Response Plans (Sister City Plans)
- Designed and conducted several high-profile hazardous material tabletop and full field exercises
- Developed and conducted bilingual workshops through Region 9's Baja California Emergency Management Institute
- Revised the Joint Contingency Plan updating the binational emergency notification system
- Planned and organized a well-attended Joint Response Team meeting
- Initiated collaboration with U.S. and Mexico customs officials to expedite cross border emergency responses/training
- Started research to explore alternatives to secure liability insurance coverage for local emergency responders

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Border-Wide Workgroup

Working Session

Action Items

- JCP:
 - Federal level: consequence management of hazardous substances releases (including the threat of a release)
 - Local/area level: Sister City Plans can include the word “deliberate” to reference all releases
- Training:
 - Certification/standardized training
 - Health and safety
 - Incident Command System
 - Response
- Insurance:
 - Propose a survey with El Paso emergency responders to determine the feasibility of providing supplemental coverage when they cross into Mexico
- Expediting border crossings:
 - Pursue the Century/Nexus Card for EPA emergency responders
 - EPA Region 6 and 9 Drill for Expedited Procedures for local emergency responders