## Principles of Nuclear Safety

#### Module 12

# **EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

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# Types of Emergencies

- First Aid
- Rescue
- **■** Fire/explosion
- Environmental spill
- Breach of Security
- Radiation Emergency
- Common mode incident (earthquake, flood, plane crash, tornado, act of terrorism...)

# The Need for Emergency Procedures

- A condition of the PROL
  - to have and to drill radiation emergency procedures
  - to obtain AECB approval for any changes
- Must conform to Provincial Nuclear Emergency Plan
- To be followed in event of serious process failure
  - to minimize risk to workers
  - to regain control of the incident unit
  - to mitigate effect on Public health & property

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# Types of Emergency Procedures for Nuclear Accidents

- Abnormal Incidents Manual
  - followed by ANO to regain control, and stabilize incident unit
- Radiation emergency procedures
  - followed by whole site
  - to protect workers responding to incident
  - to mitigate and accommodate impact on public health and property, and on environment
  - to provide information to Federal, Provincial and Municipal response organizations and regulatory bodies, and to the general public via the media

#### Emergency Response Role of Station

- Declare radiation emergency
- Regain control; place units in safe state
- Notify civil authorities
- Recommend protective actions to Municipality
- On-site and off-site radiation surveys
- Project public dose
- **■** Hourly reports to Provincial Operations Center
- Provide radiation protection to public as req'd

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# Emergency Response Role of Corporate Office

- Interface with governments
- Media interface at Joint Information Center
- Technical & Resource support to Station

### Emergency Response Role of Provincial Government

- per Emergency Plans Act, 1983
- Phase 1 Activities:
  - declare nuclear emergency, assume sweeping powers
  - mobilize emergency response organization
    - Representatives from various Provincial Ministries,
       Ontario Hydro, and the academic community
  - evaluate public safety threat based on dose projection
  - issue protective action directives to Municipalities
  - issue early venting directives to Ontario Hydro
  - manage Joint Information Center--media relations

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#### Phase 2 Provincial Response

- collect and analyze environmental samples
- revoke protective actions as conditions improve
- **■** repatriation of evacuees
- long-term restoration & follow-up

## Emergency Response Role of Municipalities

- Public alerting
- **■** Execute protective actions
  - banning food & water consumption
  - sheltering
  - evacuation
  - distribution of KI pills (thyroid blocking)
- Traffic control
- **■** Operation of Evacuee Centers
  - provision of food, shelter, essential services

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### Emergency Response Role of Federal Government

- AECB directly involved in recovery efforts at Station
- Interfaces via Health & Welfare Department with
  - other Provinces, should release cross Provincial boundary
  - other nations, should release cross international boundaries
- Administer damage claims per Nuclear Liability Act