



Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Fusion Center

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Systematic Approach



Data Collection



Analysis



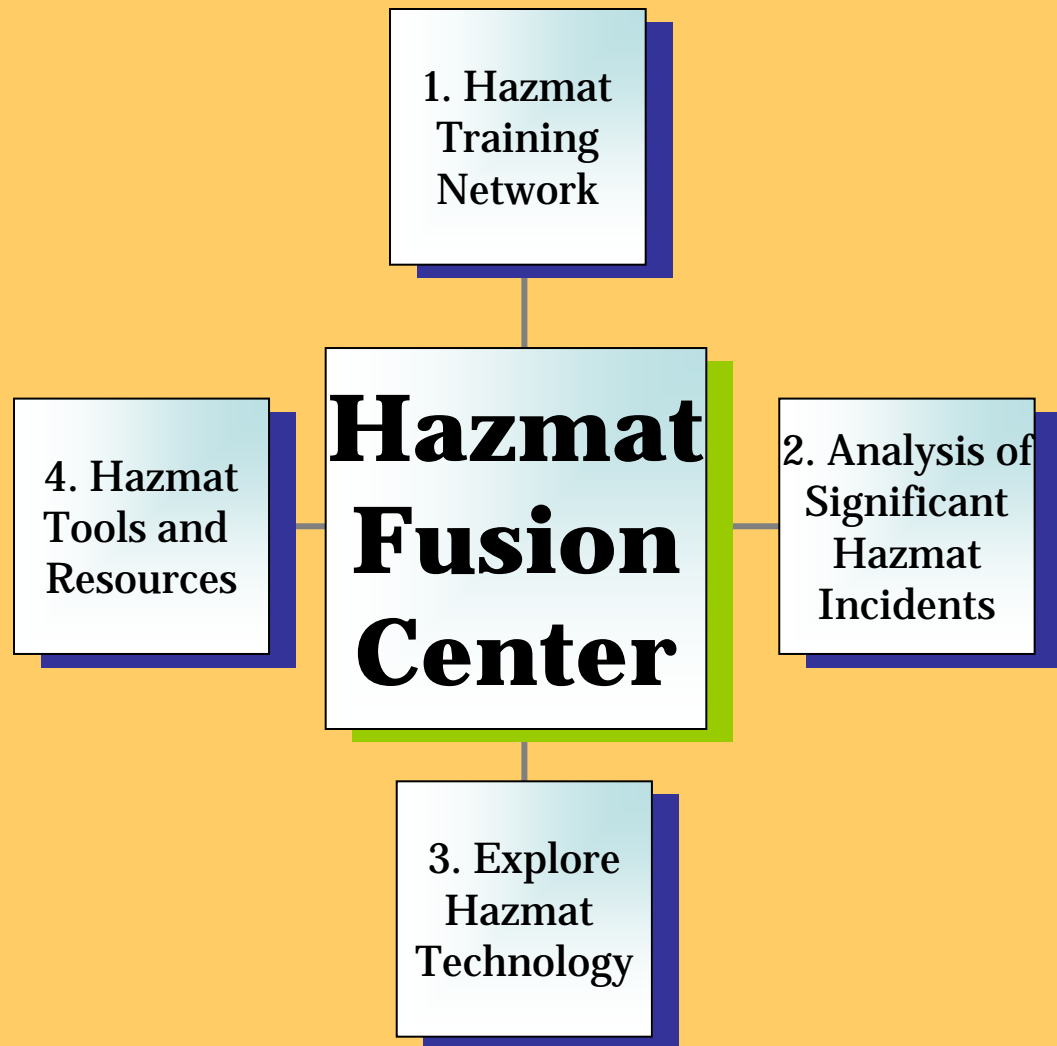
Dissemination



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Information and Data Collection

- Central location for the collection of information on hazmat teams (location, capabilities, equipment, etc.)
- Repository for hazmat incident reporting on a secure Web site and a toll-free phone number.
- Regional Incident Survey Teams (RIST) for significant hazmat incident data collection
- Incorporation of hazmat information from various federal sources



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Information and Incident/Data Analysis

- Development of effective practices, planning tools and resources
- Creation of after-action reports from RIST investigations
- Recommendation of basic requirements for equipment and training
- Identification of patterns for the prevention and mitigation of hazmat incidents
- Interpreting data to assist the development of high-tech hazmat response equipment and training



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Dissemination of Information and Analysis

- Recommendations for safely responding to hazmat incidents
- Timely notification of critical hazmat-centric information (i.e. product alerts, container defects)
- Training materials (i.e. curriculum materials, training drills, conferences, e-mail blasts)
- Identification of most frequent shipped and most hazardous materials
- Recommendations to hazmat industry based on data collected for improved safety of shipping containers and processes



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Year 1 of the Project

- Will be used to research and gather information to find how best to create and use the fusion center.
- 1st year = “pilot” year
- Conducting focus groups throughout the US
- Attending conferences to get the word out, gain support, and gather information



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Progress and Update

1st Advisory Work Group Meeting

- Held Nov. 14th and 15th at IAFC
- About 20 members attended representing law enforcement, industry, fire service, government, etc.
- Established vision for the Hazmat Fusion Center
- Created a RIST subgroup and Data subgroup
- Established the first 2 RIST teams will be based in Houston and Chicago
- Created criteria for initial incidents to attend during pilot phase of the project



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Progress and Update

2nd Advisory Work Group Meeting

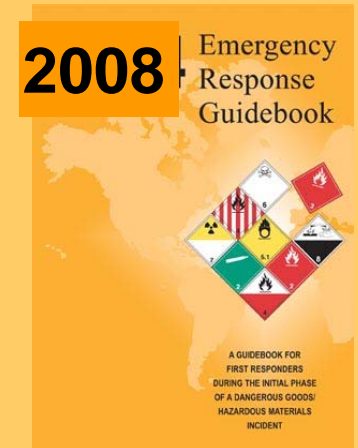
- March 11-12, 2008, in Houston, TX
- RIST subcommittee progress and review the RIST staffing process
- Data subcommittee progress
- 5 focus group meetings
- Conferences including the Midwest Hazmat Response Conference May 2-3 in Chicago, IL



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2008 Emergency Response Guidebook Video



- Currently working on a video to accompany the 2008 Emergency Response Guidebook (ERG)
- 5 focus groups will begin review in early Feb. 2008 and offer feedback
- Final version will be used for training and as a brief introduction to the ERG
- Should be ready by March 2008 when the new ERG will be released



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