

CBRN GROUP MEETING IN GRAZ 16.9.2011

AGENDA

- Minutes from Trogir meeting
- Safety zones for explosions
- Cold weather decontamination
- CBRN Prevention standards at large events
- Mass decon in reality
- CBRN action plan information

Present:

Monica Rhodiner, Anette Espersen, Jiri Matejka, Dick Arentsen, Lampros Georgaklis, Gene Carlson, Herman Scheurs, Ove Brunnstrom, Milan Dubravac

Minutes from Trogir meeting

CBRN Action plan – Nordic countries didn't get project, project is running by UK privat Company.

We had long discussion about EU funding for such projects.

We will prepared common statement to forward it to national representatives at CBRN advisory group.

Common statement

We are concerned about the outcome of projects of the CBRN-action plan.

(Private) companies who are involved do not always have a deep knowledge of the CBRN operations or are very specialized in only a small part of CBRN. Therefore we recommend that the CTIF-Hazmat commission will be recognized as an expert body for peer review .

Fukushima accident – Jiri explained the way of EU respond to help Japan, Herman was CBRN advisor for this EU team

Minutes accepted with those remarks.

Safety zones for explosions

TNO from NL finds new safety zones table for explosions which is more detailed but not deviate from existing.

Dick showed us some results on tests to reduce blast at explosions with special foam.

Cold weather decontamination

Gene made presentation about decontamination in cold weather conditions. We exchanged also some other information. We also looked at alternative decon methods.

CBRN Prevention standards at large events

Herman explained that they don't have standards but that they evaluate case by case and decide.

Gene is not sure about standards in US and will find out.

Anette explained that in Denmark they also do prevention measures case by case.

Conclusion

CBRN prevention measures for large events are made up on many different indexes like time, place, current political situation, outside exposure of an event etc.

Mass decon in reality

In NL mass decon is more than 100 people to be decontaminated. In that case they realize that result is unpredictable.

We all agreed that number of 100 people is big.

Monica said that we can prepare information for possible contaminated persons to go closest hospital. In that case concept should be to put decon units in front of hospitals. In Sweden they follow this concept. This concept include also life saving decon at the scene.

CBRN working group within EU action plan

Jiri informed us about meeting of CBRN working group in Brussels

At the end we discussed also definition of CBRN. Herman provide NL description, will be translated and put on web.