

EPR-2 Q&A

Part 3

GENERAL

- Need better communication with surrounding companies so personnel at the docks can act in the appropriate manner in the event Valero, Dow, etc., have an emergency that would impact chemical or refinery locations. **Answer: This communications exists today. All companies report emergencies to the Texas City Dispatcher who will announce the information in the Mutual Aid radio.**
- - Need a different warbler alarm for ALKY3. **Answer: Alky3 currently has a different alarm for their unit. This alarm is tested each Monday after the fire alarm test.**
- **Reference in the policy where the exception to policy form can be found.** Should units X feet from another unit during start up be evacuated? **Answer: There may or may not be reason to evacuate surrounding units. The unit that is in start-up or shut down mode should communicate with neighboring units to be sure personnel safety is maintained.**
- Better define will stop work does operations need to pull permits. **Answer: This should be consistent throughout the site. If the unit is not affected by the incident then permits should not be voided. Operations should review their unit to be sure they are not affected and then allow work to continue.**
- Make it clear between shifts, timing that evacuation drills are conducted. Who will track when supervisor changes, and who will keep consistent? **Answer: This is a unit specific issue. Evacuation drills are required for each shift of each operating unit in the Texas City Site. These drills are to be documented with a report sent to the Site Fire Chief.**

ALARM SYSTEMS

- Who needs to contact the SOC when alarms are being worked on and need to be tested? **Answer: The unit supervisor. Testing alarms outside the scheduled testing procedure must be coordinated through the Shift Director.**
- Would it be beneficial in the aspects of community awareness to tell the city when site alarms are tested, as well as activated. **Answer: This has been the procedure for several years.**
- Two systems for alarms for chemicals and the refinery is a bad situation. **Answer: With the proposed upgrade of the emergency notification system this will be corrected.**
- Can there be call boxes, card readers at muster points, and card readers at control room sign in books? **Answer: This is currently being considered as a part of the proposed upgrade to the emergency notification system.**

- When you hear 4 bells does that mean shelter in place at the refinery? **Answer:** There are currently three alarms in the refinery. **Fire Alarm** system that begin with 4 bells; **Shelter-in-Place**; **Alky #3**; and **SRU**.
- What do people do for guideline to sound alarms? **Answer:** Our policy is to never second guess anyone that requests emergency assistance. If any employee witnesses an incident that they feel requires immediate assistance or necessary to quickly warn personnel in the immediate area, then an alarm, either unit specific or site-wide, sound be activated.

RADIOS

- Contractor use of BP radios sometime causes too much radio routine traffic. **Answer:** This is definitely an issue just after an emergency and applies to not only contractor radios but also to BP employee radios. It appears that much of the traffic is related to personnel accountability and mustering. The radio system has spare capacity during routine operations.
- Cost of new repeater and why can't we upgrade radio system? **Answer:** The system is being upgraded by adding four additional frequencies. Equipment is on order and will be installed as soon as it arrives.

MUSTER POINTS

- Possible to put strobes on muster points and reflective tape on the pole. **Answer:** This will be considered as a part of the upgrade of the emergency notification system.
- What is the plan during TAR if large groups of contractors and BP employees have to go to their muster points, say for example 500 people? Considering that the emergency could escalate – how could everyone exit the gate, example Gate 29? **Answer:** There is a provision in the policy to assemble TAR teams in an area close to their work site if safe to do so. If there is a need to move this large group to a muster point at the perimeter of the site then they will move in an orderly manner the same as all other personnel.
- Can we make up stickers for hard hats that are the same as the muster point card with contact information for the SOC? **Answer:** This will be considered.
- We need to have communication available at the muster points-phone, etc. **Answer:** During site wide alarms an emergency responder will report to the affected muster points. They will have radio communications with the On-Scene Commander.
- Who will move people from muster points in extreme emergencies? **Answer:** The emergency response team will report to muster points in the affected zone and will have the ability to work with Security to move personnel off-site if required.
- Concerns of the docks not having an on site supervisor in the event of having to muster. **Answer:** This is a Dock specific concern and has been forwarded to the Marine Superintendent to provide a response to dock personnel.
- Need NO PARKING signs by muster points. **Answer:** This will be considered.

- Why will ERT account for people? Answer: Until unit technology is installed at the muster points to handle accountability, the ERT has communications with the On-Scene Commander and will fill this duty.
- 29th Street Gate – who will have the key? Answer: Security has the keys and is part of the Emergency Response Organization.
- Are there forms to list personnel at the muster points? Answer: Yes. The ERT has the forms.
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QUESTIONS RELATED TO CONTRACTORS

- Is Kinder Morgan being notified during emergencies? Answer: Kinder Morgan has a plant radio and receives the “All-Call” announcements during incidents.
- Contractors follow own policies instead of BP-leaving unit for all alarms. Answer: Contractors working in the Texas City Site are required to follow EPR-2 and are being trained on the policy.
- Contractors left a muster point after being accounted for. Answer: EPR-2 states that personnel will remain at the muster point until instructed by the OSC.
- Concerns that contractor don’t understand policy, and when the alarms are sounded they tend to worry about their tools or vehicle instead of getting to a safe place. Answer: All non-essential personnel should evacuate crosswind and upwind any time they are on a unit that is affected by an emergency.