



Australian Government

PMAOMIR424 Develop and maintain community relationships

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Modification History

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Application

This unit of competency covers the skills and knowledge required to develop relationships with community stakeholders and facilitate:

- appreciation of the plant's contribution to the economy and the local community
- community contribution to the organisation's ecological and social objectives
- public safety awareness information
- public confidence in the competence of the organisation and its personnel.

This unit of competency applies to persons who are required to identify community stakeholders and information to be communicated, and to plan, implement and evaluate engagement and communication activities.

In a typical scenario the person is a member of the incident team and is designated with the task of ensuring the preparedness of the communities surrounding and/or affected by the facility to respond to an incident. For example, the organisation is preparing to shut down part of the plant for routine maintenance and as part of that process some of the gas will be flared off. This will create a spectacular plume over the plant but because the community is alerted to both timing and what to expect, community panic and concern is limited.

While independent action may sometimes be required, the person is expected to liaise, cooperate and consult with other members of the incident management team as necessary.

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Competency Field

Incident readiness and response

Unit Sector

Elements and Performance Criteria

Elements describe the Performance criteria describe the performance needed to

essential outcomes.

demonstrate achievement of the element.

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| 1 | Identify information that needs to be disseminated to the community | 1.1 Access and examine incident response plans
1.2 Conduct consultations with appropriate personnel as necessary |
| 2 | Establish networks within the community | 2.1 Identify stakeholders within the community
2.2 Initiate contact with key community stakeholders
2.3 Establish and maintain rapport
2.4 Enlist cooperation and support in organising and conducting public safety awareness activities |
| 3 | Design and conduct public awareness activities | 3.1 Develop a plan in consultation with stakeholders and appropriate personnel
3.2 Design activities to support the plan in consultation with stakeholders and appropriate personnel
3.3 Clearly identify measures for assessing the outcome of activities
3.4 Develop and distribute marketing materials and educational materials/resources appropriate to the context, issue and audience
3.5 Identify and secure other resources required
3.6 Develop and implement strategies for delivery of the project to ensure maximum effectiveness
3.7 Make adjustments as required to meet the needs of specific groups |
| 4 | Evaluate activities | 4.1 Assess activity outcome against the planned goals/objectives and measures
4.2 Complete reports detailing activities, results and recommendations according to procedures |

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential to performance.

Foundation skills essential to performance are explicit in the performance criteria of this unit of competency.

Range of Conditions

This field allows for different work environments and conditions that may affect performance. Essential operating conditions that may be present (depending on the work situation, needs of the candidate, accessibility of the item, and local industry and regional contexts) are included.

Regulatory framework

The latest version of all legislation, regulations, industry codes of practice and Australian/international standards, or the version specified by the local regulatory authority, must be used, and include one or more of the following:

- legislative requirements, including work health and safety (WHS)
- industry codes of practice and guidelines
- environmental regulations and guidelines
- Australian and other standards
- licence and certification requirements

All operations to which this unit applies are subject to stringent health, safety and environment (HSE) requirements, which may be imposed through state/territory or federal legislation, and these must not be compromised at any time. Where there is an apparent conflict between performance criteria and HSE requirements, the HSE requirements take precedence.

Public awareness

Public awareness activities include one or more of the following:

- distribution of educational materials/resources
- use of media to disseminate information
- public educational presentations
- conduct of, or attendance in, community meetings/forums
- incident exercises

Information to support public awareness will be selected as relevant from:

- incident response plan and management systems in place to prevent an incident
- warning signals in the event of an incident
- procedures to be followed in the event of an incident relating to

- evacuation and welfare operations
- appropriate people to contact and contact details
- post-incident management systems
- social objectives and contributions
- ecological issues and controls

Incident

An incident is an event which causes, or could have caused, injury or illness; damage to plant, material or the environment; disruption to production or public alarm.

An incident is an unintended event, or an unintended consequence of an intended event. This includes:

- fire and explosion
- loss of containment
- excursions above/below acceptable limits for emissions or plant conditions
- excursions above occupational hygiene or biological exposure limits
- non-compliance with regulatory requirements
- security breaches
- failure to follow procedures
- complaints
- vehicle incidents
- on/off-site incidents

Incident response

Incident response includes one or more of the following:

- deployment of site incident response personnel
- containing/controlling the incident at source and or its spread
- search and rescue operations
- engagement of external emergency services (such as fire, ambulance, rescue and military)
- liaison with other agencies (such as environmental, clean-up and specialised troubleshooters)
- evacuation
- hazard control

Incident response actions must:

- be in accordance with and relevant organisation procedures
- use appropriate response equipment where required

- prioritise the safety and/or successful recovery of personnel and others affected by the incident response
- **not** inhibit effectiveness of the incident response or further contribute to the incident

Procedures All operations must be performed in accordance with relevant procedures.

Procedures are written, verbal, visual, computer-based or in some other form, and include one or more of the following:

- emergency procedures
- work instructions
- standard operating procedures (SOPs)
- safe work method statements (SWMS)
- formulas/recipes
- batch sheets
- temporary instructions
- any similar instructions provided for the smooth running of the plant

Cooperation and support Establishing cooperation and support from the surrounding community can alleviate potential problems, including one or more of the following:

- expressions of community concern about a lack of communication with the organisation
- an atmosphere of mistrust existing between the community and the organisation
- constant referrals of organisational activities to local, state/territory or Commonwealth authorities
- the volume of requests for information received from community groups or individuals
- protest meetings or rallies by concerned residents

Unit Mapping Information

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Links

Companion Volume implementation guides are found in VETNet -

<https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=9fc2cf53-e570-4e9f-ad6a-b228ffdb6875>