



Ohio Administrative Code

Rule 3750-20-78 Execution of exercises.

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[Comment: For dates of non-regulatory government publications, publications of recognized organizations and associations, federal rules, and federal statutory provisions referenced in this rule, see paragraph (AA) of rule 3750-1-01 of the Administrative Code titled "Referenced materials."]

- (A) The commission uses a recurring four-year exercise cycle which began on July 1, 1993. For purposes of this rule, "year" means the state fiscal year.
- (B) The commission, under division (B)(13) of section 3750.02 of the Revised Code, and each committee subject to the annual exercise of their chemical emergency response and preparedness plan under divisions (A)(12) and (C) of section 3750.04 of the Revised Code, shall conduct a minimum of one full-scale exercise within each four-year exercise cycle.
- (C) An EOC, as identified in the committee's chemical emergency response and preparedness plan shall be fully activated and evaluated a minimum of once within each four-year exercise cycle.
- (D) The commission and each committee shall have the option of conducting a tabletop exercise, functional exercise, or full-scale exercise, as defined in paragraphs (A)(1) to (A)(3) of rule 3750-20-76 of the Administrative Code to fulfill the requirement of an annual exercise the remaining three years of each four-year exercise cycle.
- (E) During each four-year exercise cycle, the commission and each committee shall demonstrate at a minimum, all exercise objectives identified in the OHM-EEM.
- (F) During each four-year exercise cycle, the commission and each committee shall follow all written procedures identified in the OHM-EEM.
- (G) No more than two actual incidents may be used as an exercise during each four-year exercise cycle.
- (H) Each exercise of a committee's plan, according to division (B)(2)(b) of section 3750.02 of the Revised Code, shall involve, in addition to local emergency response and medical personnel, either a facility that is subject to the plan or a transporter of hazardous materials as defined by regulations adopted under the "Hazardous Materials Transportation Act" 88 Stat. 2156, 49 U.S.C.A. 1801. For facility incidents, chemicals used in exercises can be any hazardous chemical on site as defined under the "Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970," 84 Stat. 1590, 29 U.S.C.A. 651 and the regulations adopted thereunder. For transportation incidents, chemicals used in exercises shall be a regulated chemical cargo load governed by the "Hazardous Materials Transportation Act."