

CSEPP *update*

2ND QUARTER 2008

THE CHEMICAL STOCKPILE
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
PROGRAM

Schools Inside Response Zone Impress Evaluators

Summer vacation or not, students at Avondale Elementary School and Futures Academy got to practice their emergency procedures for federal evaluators. This year the CSEPP exercise didn't occur within the school year, but CSEPP officials and District Administrators arranged for the procedures at the two schools to be tested before break started.

Students, teachers and other faculty all play a role in the safety and security of everyone in the buildings. Knowing that their children are well cared for during any emergency, helps parents trust the school and prevents panic in the event of a crisis.

On April 28th, just minutes after the phone call that simulated notification of an incident at the Pueblo Chemical Depot, students and staff were relocated, doors were secured, ventilation systems shut down and various materials and medications were positioned to ensure the children's comfort levels and safety.

Lead evaluator Doug Becvar was impressed particularly with the elementary students. "The students and staff are to be commended for demonstrating such a cooperative, positive attitude and for taking the Shelter in Place exercise very seriously."



CALLING ALL SHUTTERBUGS!

Now is the time to send us your photos for the

2009

Pueblo County Emergency Preparedness Calendar!

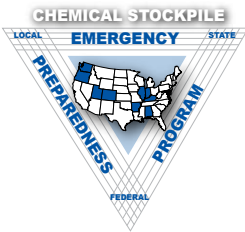
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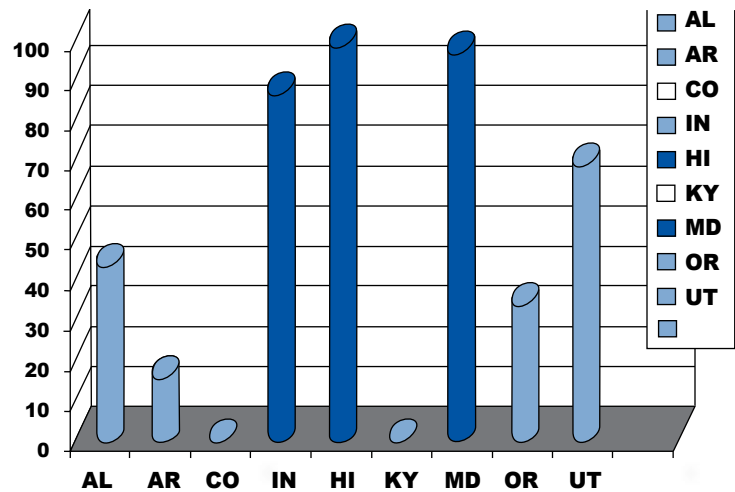
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CSEPP around the country



**information provided by US Army Chemical Materials Agency.*

Q I know we haven't started destroying our stockpile yet, but what about the chemical stockpiles in other parts of the country? How far along are they?

A Each CSEPP community is at different stages in closing out their stockpile, Indiana, for example, looks to be completely done by this year! The stockpiles in Utah, Arkansas, Alabama and Oregon have all begun the process while Hawaii and Maryland have destroyed their chemical stockpiles completely. Our plant construction is moving right along and with that, each day brings us closer to the day we begin the neutralization of the stockpile in our community.

Q My 14 year old often stays home alone. What kinds of things does he need to know in case there is an emergency and no one is home with him?

A Create and practice an emergency plan (go to ready.gov or call us for details), post a list of important phone numbers near the phone or TV, show him where the tone alert radio is and make sure he knows to listen to it for information during an emergency, and teach him what to do if instructed to shelter in place or evacuate. As a parent think about letting a neighbor you trust know about the situation, that way he will have an adult to turn to if events are more than he can handle on his own.



Q I have new neighbors and I told them what zone we are in but I don't know how they get a tone alert radio?

A All they need to do is call us! In fact we have a phone line set up for that purpose. The number is, 719-583-6230. If they leave a message someone will call them back. People can call the line with requests for maintenance (like battery replacement) and general questions about tone alert radios, sirens and shelter in place kits as well!

Do you have a question about the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program? Ask us. 719-583-6222 You may see it printed here!

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2008 CSEPP Exercise

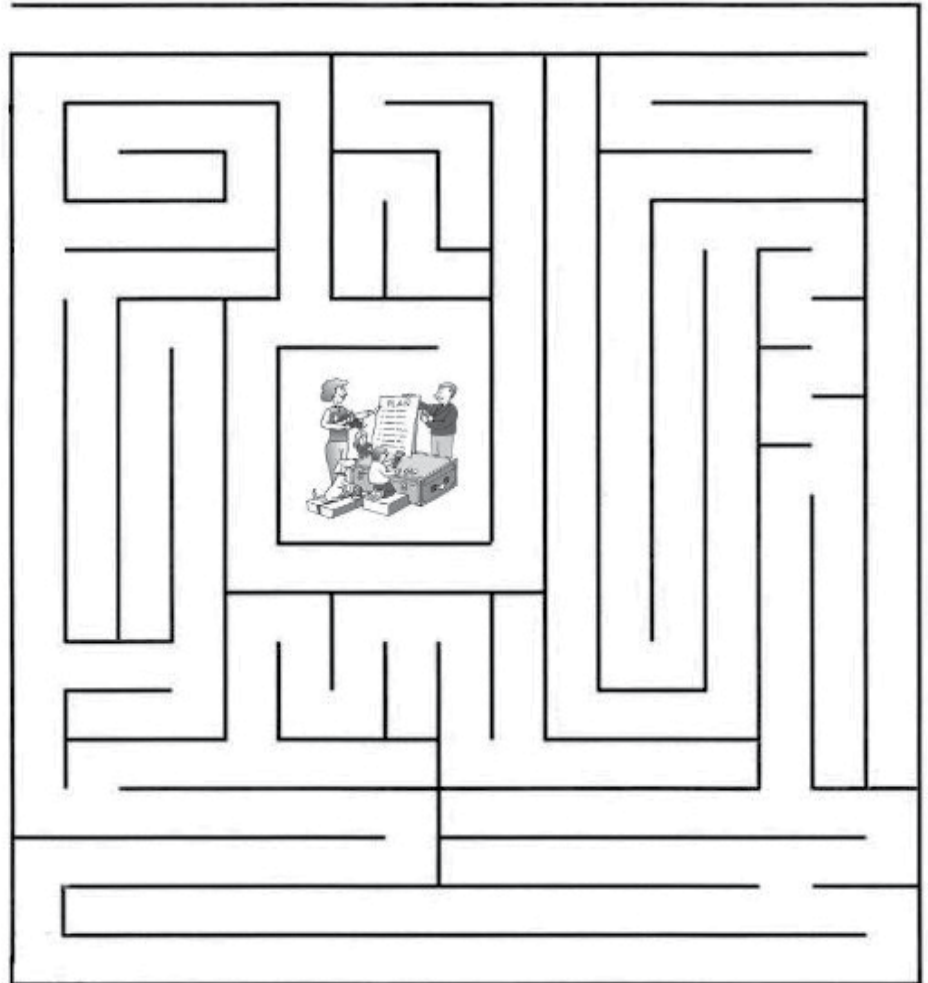


What would happen

if, on the same day as an accident in the Pueblo Memorial Airport Industrial Park, a lightning strike hit the US Army Pueblo Chemical Depot and caused a chain of events that resulted in an evacuation? That was the question posed to Army personnel, community responders, planners and administrators in Pueblo on Wednesday, June 4th. With volunteers portraying victims and organizations addressing mental health and shelter concerns, emergency personnel worked to get the necessary information to the public and the injured and exposed to safety. Those put to the test included medical responders and providers, public information officers, policy makers, fire and haz-mat response teams and many other local agencies. The Pueblo Community was praised by evaluators for involving community businesses and addressing the mental health concerns of the citizens in our community.

Kids Page

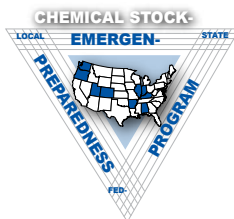
Planning for an emergency is something the whole family can do! Here is a family working together right now! Can you find your way to them?



Great Job!!! Now help your family plan for an emergency!
Visit www.fema.gov/kids to find out how!

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