Considerations for the Grain Elevator Management and Employees

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Considerations

- Emergency Response Plan
- Trained Employees in First Aid and CPR
- Regular Simulations and Practice of the Emergency Response Plan
- Frequent interface and involvement with local emergency responders
Considerations

- Economic Cuts
  - Capital improvement projects (CIP)
  - Overtime
  - Training
  - Personnel
  - Attrition
  - Layoffs
  - Early retirement
Considerations

TRAINING IS AN INVESTMENT, NOT AN EXPENDITURE
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Training Cuts

- Lower safety standards
- More injuries
- Increased legal fees
- Higher workers’ compensation costs
- Lower morale
- Decreased confidence of employees and public
Contingency Plans

Watch the Global Economy
Stay abreast of local, state, and federal changes

Does your company do strategic planning?
Does your company do a 5-year financial plan?
Emergency Response Plan

Under OSHA 1910.138, all GEAPs facilities must have an emergency response plan.
Emergency Response Plan

- Who is in charge? What is your organizational structure?
- What is your mission?
- Do you have a Confined Space plan?
- Do you have a Chemical Hygiene plan?
- Do you have a Hazard Communication plan? Do you use it?
- Do you have regular scheduled training?
Emergency Response Plan

Do you have regular inspections?
  – By your own staff?
  – By the local fire and building authorities?
  – By state inspectors?

Do you have regular “walk-thru” inspections by your local emergency services?

Do you have a congenial relationship with OSHA representatives?
Emergency Response Plan

- Do you keep in contact with Legal sources?
- Do you attend GEAPs conferences and training?
Important Considerations

- What do you do in case of a fire?
- What do you do in case of a grain elevator explosion?
- What do you do in the event of a medical emergency on your premises?
- What is the best way to prepare for a visit by OSHA?
- What is the OSHA consultation program?
Training

- Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)
  - CPR
  - AED
- First Aid
  - First Aid
  - EMT

Shows you are serious about safety!
Training

Confined Space
- Attendant
- Entrant
- Entry Supervisor
- Permitting

May contract that out; but you still need to have basic training for your employees
Training:
What do you do?

- Employee Smith goes down from heat exhaustion.
- Employee Woods goes down from heat stroke.
- Employee Greene has a heart attack.
- Employee Jones falls and has a broken leg in the headhouse, how do you get him/her down?

What does your plan say for each of these?
Regular Simulations and Exercises

- Test you plan
- Annual exercises
- Table-top exercises
- Hands on exercise
- Fire alarm systems or fire drills
Interface with Public Agencies

- Fire Department
- Emergency Medical Services
- Law Enforcement
- Emergency Management
Interface with Public Agencies
Public Information Officer

- Must be well versed
  - Facility
  - Operations
  - Human Relations
  - People Skills

- Give facts only, no speculation.
- Keep to a schedule
Be Pro-active

If you develop partnerships with other GEAPs members, public agencies, and the general community, you will reap benefits that will be beneficial both financially and safety-wise.