Review of exercises.

(A) The commission has designated the Ohio emergency management agency to observe and conduct reviews of the annual exercise of each committee's chemical emergency response and preparedness plan required by division (C) of section 3750.04 of the Revised Code.

(B) An annual exercise review by the commission shall be limited to those committees that have submitted a chemical emergency response and preparedness plan which has been reviewed by the commission.

(C) The Ohio emergency management agency will produce a report on each exercise observed and submit the report to the commission. Each report shall be based on the direct observation of the exercise and the evaluator's findings. Each report shall include, but is not limited to the following:

1. A synopsis or general statement on the results of the exercise; and,

2. Specific comments on any point of review within each selected exercise objective which was not adequately demonstrated; and,

3. Recommendations for plan improvements and corrective actions for those points of review within each selected exercise objective not adequately demonstrated; and,

4. A recommendation to either concur with the exercise or require a corrective action plan.

(D) If an evaluator determines that an exercise has not adequately demonstrated a majority of the points of review within any of the selected exercise objectives, the Ohio emergency management agency shall provide the committee with a copy of its report and shall notify the committee by letter that it is required to develop a corrective action plan.

(E) The committee shall have sixty days from the date of the notification letter to develop and submit a corrective action plan to the Ohio emergency management agency. The corrective action plan shall address actions taken or to be taken to correct unmet points of review within those exercise objectives identified in the exercise report as not adequately demonstrated. The corrective action plan will be reviewed by the Ohio emergency management agency and upon completion of this review, the corrective action plan, along with an executive summary, and the exercise report will be submitted to the commission for consideration.

(F) To qualify the response to an actual event as an annual exercise under divisions (A)(12) and (C) of section 3750.04 of the Revised Code, the committee shall notify
the Ohio emergency management agency, within thirty days of the response to the actual event, of the committee's intent to use the actual event in lieu of conducting an annual exercise. The Ohio emergency management agency will schedule a meeting with the committee for the purpose of interviewing response participants, document the interview findings, and develop an exercise report as described in paragraph (C) of this rule.
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