

The following is an example where an unexpected Responder (Player) action may impede other exercise objectives.

The State has developed a new ERO paging system. The system provides a specific page for the limited staffing of its EOC at a Site Area Emergency and below and a second page for full activation of the EOC at a General Emergency. The State has an exercise objective to test this system.

During the exercise, the Shift Superintendent receives the event information that would result in the classification of the Operational Emergency as a Site Area Emergency.

The Shift Superintendent makes a conservative call and declares a General Emergency, thus not allowing the State's objective to be demonstrated. The intent of the contingency message is to ensure that the initial classification is Site Area Emergency or below.

The sample message for this situation is shown below.

Example: Message #11C	
From: Exercise Control	
To: Lead PSS Controller – Telephone 555-2000	
Time: +10 (earliest time of issue)	[Note: Classification is expected at 20 minutes, and there is a 15-minute notification after classification requirement.]
Subject: Initial Event Classification	
Special Instructions: If the Plant Shift Superintendent (PSS) classifies the event at a Site Area Emergency or below, allow it to occur. If the PSS classifies the event as a General Emergency, issue the PSS the following message immediately.	
This is an Exercise	
You have conservatively classified the event as a General Emergency. For exercise purposes only, reclassify the event as a Site Area Emergency.	
This is an Exercise	
Time of Delivery: ____	