

# COOP CONNECTION

EMI SIG Continuity of Operations Subcommittee Newsletter



## Leadership, Staff, Facilities, and Communications

### Horizon Scan 2015 Survey Report

The Business Continuity Institute (BCI) Horizon Scan Survey, produced in association with the British Standards Institution (BSI), seeks to identify near-term threats on the radar of business continuity practitioners, benchmark horizon scanning activity and look out for trends that may influence business in the medium- and long-term.

The data from this report comes from 760 organizations based in 72 countries worldwide. The online survey was open for eight weeks from November to December 2014.

The top threats from 2015, according to the survey were:

1. Cyber attack
2. Unplanned IT and telecommunication outages
3. Data breach
4. Interruption to utility supply
5. Supply chain disruption
6. Security incidents
7. Adverse weather
8. Human illness
9. Fire
10. Acts of terrorism

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The emerging trends and uncertainties from 2015, according to the survey are:

1. Use of internet for malicious attacks
2. Influence of social media
3. Potential emergence of a global pandemic
4. Loss of key employees
5. New regulations and increased regulatory scrutiny

To view additional graphics and data analysis from the Horizon Scan Survey, click [here](#) to read the full report.



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## FEMA: The Full-Spectrum Risk Knowledgebase

The Full-Spectrum Risk Knowledgebase is an initiative of the Federal Emergency Management Agency designed to support federal, state, territorial, tribal, and local government officials and key partners in considering their risks and to enhance risk-informed decision making.

The Knowledgebase is a secure reference site that can be used to build all-hazards risk knowledge and provide decision support. It serves as a resource for stakeholders and empowers them to perform their own analyses by providing reference material, information, and guidance aimed at helping to further develop one's understanding of all-hazard risks.



# FEMA

Among other information, The Knowledgebase includes descriptions of various threats and hazards, visual depictions of how hazards relate to one another (cause and consequence), information on mitigation strategies and countermeasures, examples of various incidents for added context, and information on the application of different structured analytic techniques to aid in analyses.

Access to The Knowledgebase is granted to government employees throughout the United States and U.S. territories at all levels of government (civilian and military) and to non-government stakeholders (U.S. citizens only), considering the key role that all stakeholders play in addressing wide-ranging risks.

To view videos and methodologies from The Knowledgebase, click [here](#).

## Y-12 COOP Exercise Objectives

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The Y-12 National Security Complex includes a COOP-related exercise objective in all of its drills and exercises that includes the activation of the Emergency Operations Center.

**Y12-EOC.17** – Given an Operational Emergency that threatens site Continuity of Operations Mission Essential Functions and/or Essential Supporting Activities, the Emergency Director analyzes and determines activation of the Continuity of Operations Plan in accordance with the EMPO-800 Y-12 National Security Complex Continuity of Operations Plan (June 2011) and Y40-006, Initial Response to Heightened Continuity of Government Condition (COGCON) (10/09/2012).

This task is assigned to the Y-12 EOC Coordinator who is also a COOP Coordinator and a member of the Continuity Emergency Response Group (CERG). This task is included in the EOC Coordinator's checklist.

Review impact to Mission Essential Functions (MEFs) and Essential Support Activities (ESAs) from the emergency event to determine if MEFs or ESAs operations will be negatively affected for more than 48 hours.

1. If MEFs or ESAs operations are expected to be negatively affected for more than 48 hours, recommend Crisis Manager declare a local COOP event.
2. Complete and submit Continuity Status Report to DOE-HQ via EMInS.
3. If necessary, activate CERG.

## COOP Virtual Tabletop

On April 13, 2016, the COOPSC will support the conduct of a second virtual tabletop exercise to test or validate the effectiveness of multiple sites' COOP Plans and procedures. The scope, purpose and objectives of the tabletop are currently being planned.

Sites interested in participating in the tabletop exercise, should contact Becky Bullard at [Becky.Bullard@orau.org](mailto:Becky.Bullard@orau.org).

## COOP Subcommittee Conference Calls

COOP Subcommittee conference calls typically occur on the second Thursday of each month from 3-4 p.m., Eastern.

The schedule for the next four calls is below.

- January 14, 2016
- February 11, 2016
- March 10, 2016
- April 14, 2016

Agendas are sent prior to each call. Questions about the COOP Subcommittee conference calls should be sent to Becky Bullard at [Becky.Bullard@orau.org](mailto:Becky.Bullard@orau.org) or phone (865) 576-9623.

## Want to Contribute to COOP Connection?

To contribute continuity stories, calendar items, or any other news related to COOP, please send them to Becky Bullard at [Becky.Bullard@orau.org](mailto:Becky.Bullard@orau.org) or to Jeff Morrison at [morrisjl@nv.doe.gov](mailto:morrisjl@nv.doe.gov).

The deadline for submissions for the April issue is March 4, 2016.

## COOP Mentors

Congratulations to **Courtney Haggard (ORNL)** and **Marilyn Scott (NNSA NA-41)** for achieving Level I Professional Continuity Practitioner certification.

Congratulations to **Becky Bullard (ORAU-ORISE)** for achieving Level II Master Professional Continuity Practitioner certification.

If you want to join this mentor and receive certification, check out FEMA's Emergency Management Institute [Continuity Excellence Series](#). To sign up or to view a complete listing of courses, visit FEMA's [EMI Courses & Schedules](#) site.

## Upcoming Conferences and Trainings

### [EXR-231 Exercise Design Lab \(Exercise Builder v.8\)](#)

DOE Emergency Operations Training Academy  
Nevada Support Facility, Building C-1  
North Las Vegas, NV  
February 9-11, 2016

### [V-0005 – Virtual Tabletop Exercise Series \(VTTX\) – Tornado](#)

February 23-25, 2016  
March 8-10, 2016

### [Disaster Recovery Institute International \(DRI\) 2016 The Professional's Conference](#)

Hyatt Regency Atlanta  
Atlanta, GA  
March 6-9, 2016

### [Disaster Recovery Journal Spring World 2016](#)

Disney's Coronado Springs Resort  
Lake Buena Vista, FL  
March 13-16, 2016

### [Continuity Insights 2016 Management Conference](#)

Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center  
Nashville, TN  
April 18-20, 2016

### [2016 EMI SIG Annual Meeting](#)

National Conference Center  
Leesburg, VA  
May 2-6, 2016