



# Regional Laboratory Response Plan Functional Exercise

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# Today's brief...

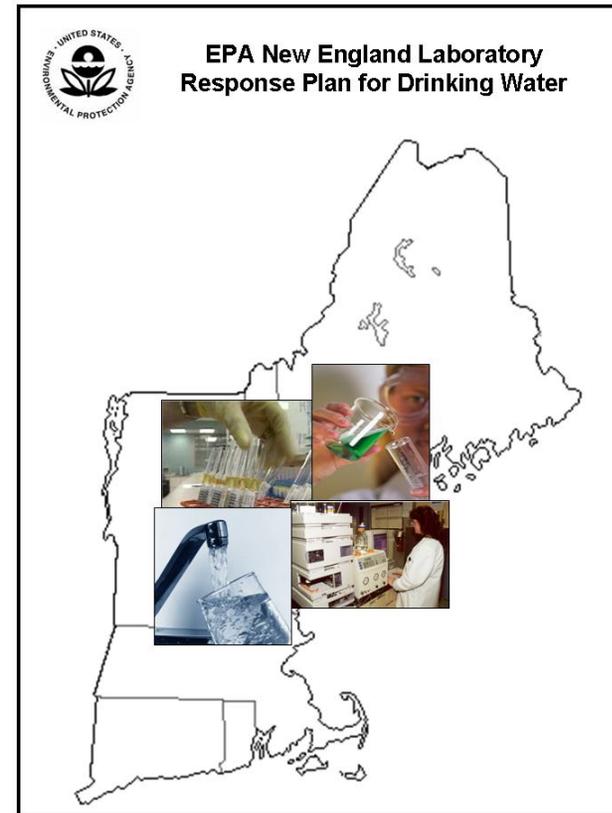
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- The Regional Laboratory Response Plan (RLRP)
- Scope of the Functional Exercise
- How it worked
- What we learned



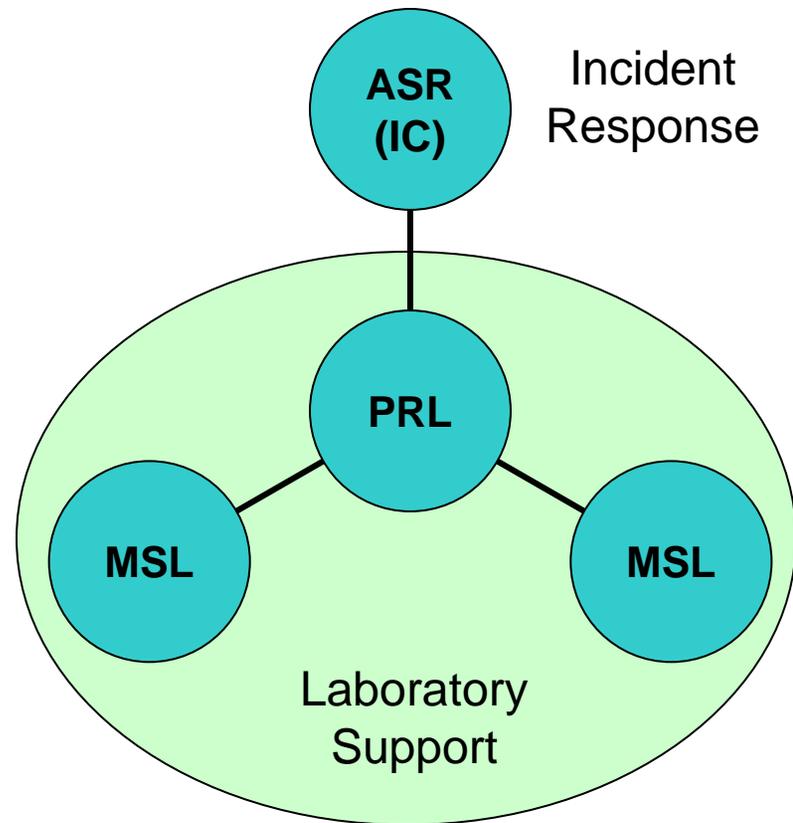
# Regional Laboratory Response Plan (RLRP)

- Intra-regional Plan
  - Public Health
  - Environmental
  - Utility
- Facilitate coordinated laboratory response
- Focus is major drinking water contamination incidents



# RLRP Concept of Operations

- All Emergencies Start as Local Events
- Primary Responding Laboratory
- Mutual supporting Laboratories
- Escalation of IC from local > state > national



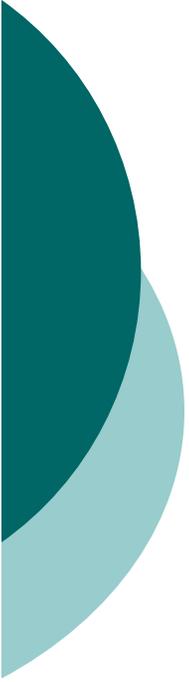


# Purpose and Scope of Functional Exercise

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- Test the PLAN
- Maximum Involvement
  - State Drinking Water Primacy Laboratories
- Build Relationships
- Demonstrate Collaborative Response
- Improve the Plan



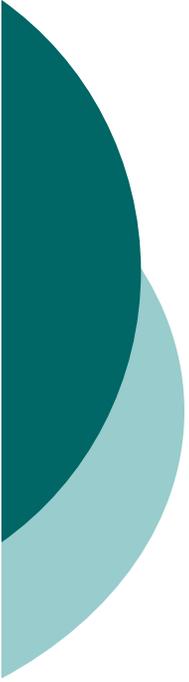


# The Functional Exercise

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- All-Hazard
  - Terrorist Act - Chem
  - Natural Disaster Flood - Bio
- **P**rimary **R**esponding **L**aboratory (Utility)
- **M**utual **S**upporting **L**aboratories (six State DW primacy)
- War Room at EPA
- Five Days
  - Identification Phase
  - Surge Phase





# Weight of Exercise Play

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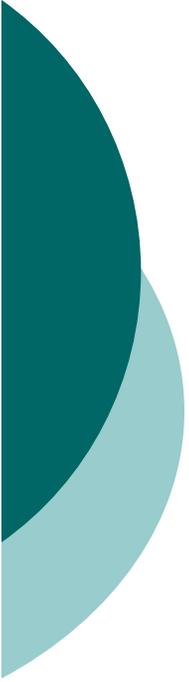
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**Reporting**

**Transport**

**Analysis**



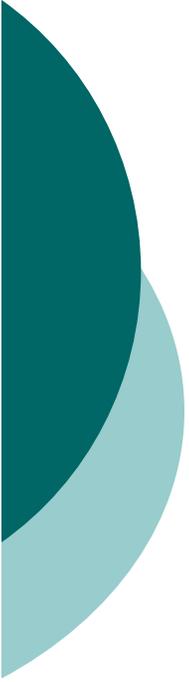


# Needs Improvement

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- Compendium
- Hazardous Goods Pack & Ship
- EDD
- External Communications with Officials and Press
- RLRP Work Sheets





# Message

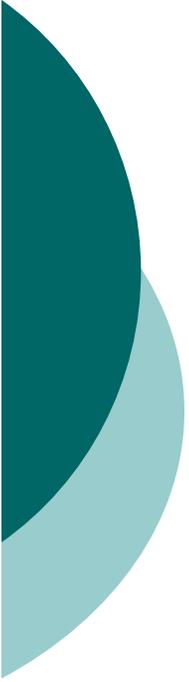
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- Get involved
- Build on the Experience
- Reach out to Stakeholders
  - Water Utilities
  - Haz Mats
  - Water Programs



# Is your lab **READY?**





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Questions?

