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National Laboratory

Environment, Health, & Safety
Training Program

EOC-001
Introduction to the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS)

COURSE SYLLABUS

Subject Category: Emergency Operations

Schedule: Semi-Annually (or Upon Request)

Course Length: 1 hour

Medical Approval: None

Delivery Method: Classroom

Location: Building 48, Room 109

Course Prerequisite: None

Retraining/Recertification: None

Course Purpose: As a result of the 1991 East Bay Hills Fire in Oakland, Senate Bill 1841 was passed by the legislature and made effective January 1, 1993. The law is found in Section 8607 of the Government Code. The intent of this law is to improve the coordination of state and local emergency response in California. The statute directed the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES), in coordination with other state agencies and interested local emergency management agencies, to establish by regulation the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS). The SEMS Regulations took effect in September of 1994. This is an introductory course to SEMS which can be either a self-study or instructor based course intended to give participants a basic overview of SEMS, including reference to the law and regulations, standard terms and definitions, and training needs.

Course Objectives:

The introductory course will provide participants with a basic understanding of the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and assist them in describing:

- Purpose and scope of SEMS;
- Common terminology associated with SEMS;
- Basic elements of the SEMS law;
- Five levels of organization within SEMS;
- Functions and basic concepts of SEMS;
- Basic operating requirements and individual responsibilities; and
- Importance of training in SEMS.

Training Compliance Requirement: LBNL Emergency Services Training Program Plan, EPIP No 003-6

Instructor: Emergency Services Program Staff (X2240)

Course Instructional Materials: PowerPoint slide presentation

Course Handouts: As appropriate to material covered.

Participant Evaluation: Written critiques of trainer, training, and materials.

Written or Practical Exam: Yes.



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Web Resources: Guidance documents available on

<http://www.oes.ca.gov/Operational/OESHome.nsf/ALL/143C8AFE90AC7AAA88256DF90073DFBE?OpenDocument>