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Federal agencies, the National Council on Disability, and the

National Advisory Council, shall carry out a national training

program to implement the national preparedness goal, National

Incident Management System, National Response Plan, and other

related plans and strategies.

(2) Training partners

In developing and implementing the national training program,

the Administrator shall -

(A) work with government training facilities, academic

institutions, private organizations, and other entities that

provide specialized, state-of-the-art training for emergency

managers or emergency response providers; and

(B) utilize, as appropriate, training courses provided by

community colleges, State and local public safety academies,

State and private universities, and other facilities.

(b) National exercise program

(1) In general

Beginning not later than 180 days after October 4, 2006, the

Administrator, in coordination with the heads of appropriate

Federal agencies, the National Council on Disability, and the

National Advisory Council, shall carry out a national exercise

program to test and evaluate the national preparedness goal,

National Incident Management System, National Response Plan, and

other related plans and strategies.

(2) Requirements

The national exercise program -

(A) shall be -

(i) as realistic as practicable, based on current risk

assessments, including credible threats, vulnerabilities, and

consequences, and designed to stress the national

preparedness system;

(ii) designed, as practicable, to simulate the partial or

complete incapacitation of a State, local, or tribal

government;

(iii) carried out, as appropriate, with a minimum degree of

notice to involved parties regarding the timing and details

of such exercises, consistent with safety considerations;

(iv) designed to provide for systematic evaluation of

readiness; and

(v) designed to address the unique requirements of

populations with special needs; and

(B) shall provide assistance to State, local, and tribal

governments with the design, implementation, and evaluation of

exercises that -

(i) conform to the requirements under subparagraph (A);

(ii) are consistent with any applicable State, local, or

tribal strategy or plan; and

(iii) provide for systematic evaluation of readiness.

(3) National level exercises

The Administrator shall periodically, but not less than

biennially, perform national exercises for the following

purposes:

(A) To test and evaluate the capability of Federal, State,

local, and tribal governments to detect, disrupt, and prevent

threatened or actual catastrophic acts of terrorism, especially

those involving weapons of mass destruction.

(B) To test and evaluate the readiness of Federal, State,

local, and tribal governments to respond and recover in a

coordinated and unified manner to catastrophic incidents.