

Focus Group Script

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Good afternoon. (Introductions) Thank you for joining us to share your thoughts on our new product, This is a T.E.S.T. – a Tabletop Exercise Simulation Tool. This tool is meant to help planners evaluate their current resource capacity, potential resource needs, and planning gaps for population monitoring during a radiation emergency. It also aims to facilitate coordination, collaboration, and engagement between planning partners.

We will be asking questions that follow up on the previous survey you completed and allow for you to share more open feedback. There are no right or wrong answers. We are looking to evaluate the value of this tool and how better to implement it in the future if it is useful for jurisdictions. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Note to reviewers, below are sample questions which we will use as a foundation for focus group discussion but will adjust as the conversation flows.

1. What is your role in radiation emergency preparedness and response?
2. In your jurisdiction, who is the lead agency for radiation response?
3. What was your overall impression of the exercise?
4. How do you feel TEST facilitated:
 - a. Collaboration
 - b. Engagement
 - c. Coordination
 - d. Critical thinking
 - e. Cost benefit analysis
5. What other aspects of emergency response would you like to see integrated into TEST?
6. What do you believe is the best way to facilitate using TEST as a tabletop exercise tool?
7. In what ways do you think TEST complements other preparedness exercises?
8. What other information would you like to share with us?

This completes our questions for discussion during the focus group. Is there anything more you would like to add, or do you have any questions for us?

Thank you very much for helping us assess This is a T.E.S.T.

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