

## **What is INEX-6?**

Since 1993, the International Nuclear Emergency Exercise (INEX) series, organized by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development's Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA), has tested and facilitated improvements in emergency management systems nationally and internationally through the early and intermediate phases of a response. The sixth exercise in the series, INEX-6, will be conducted in 2024 and focuses on the long-term recovery phase of a large-scale radiological incident, which has not been tested before at the international level. INEX-6 will test recovery topics through four modules, each a half-day:

1. Health Impacts
2. Food Safety
3. Remediation and Decontamination
4. Waste Management

These four modules will incorporate cross-cutting issues during the recovery phase such as stakeholder engagement, communications, environmental monitoring, international cooperation, and socioeconomics. INEX-6 is a table-top, question-driven exercise, where players are challenged to use existing policies, protocols, and emergency preparedness plans/procedures to explain what longer-term protective actions will be taken.

The NEA designated participating countries to create a National Planning Committee (NPC) to facilitate the planning, delivery, and evaluation of INEX-6. The NEA envisions the role of NPCs to include identifying exercise players and ensuring that technical materials provided by the NEA are updated with country specific information. Thus, the United States' NPC encompasses representation from Federal Departments and Agencies, State Governments, and national organizations to align with NEA's vision of the NPC's role for INEX-6.

## **Who will participate in INEX-6?**

Given that a domestic response in the United States starts and ends with the locality, the NPC invites players from all levels of government (Federal, State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial), decision makers, regulators, public authorities, and local community organizations to participate in the exercise.

Each exercise player can participate in 1-4 modules to provide perspective from their jurisdiction, community, or expertise.

## **Where and when will INEX-6 take place?**

INEX-6 will take place in a hybrid format, with in-person players in Washington, DC, and virtual players via Microsoft Teams.

INEX-6 will be conducted March 19-21, 2024, with the anticipated module schedule below:

- March 19, 2024 from 1300-1700 ET: Module 1: Health Impacts
- March 20, 2024 from 0800-1200 ET: Module 3: Remediation and Decontamination
- March 20, 2024 from 1300-1700 ET: Module 4: Waste Management
- March 21, 2024 from 0800-1200 ET: Module 2: Food Safety

## **Why is my participation important as an exercise player?**

The NPC would value participation from various levels of government, industry, non-profit and non-governmental sectors, and community organizations to provide perspective on how their local community would engage during the long-term recovery efforts from a radiological incident.

**How can I learn more about becoming an INEX-6 exercise player?**

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To learn more, please attend one of our INEX-6 Informational Briefings for prospective exercise players:

- Thursday, January 11, 2024, from 1400-1500 ET.
- Tuesday, January 16, 2024, from 1000-1100 ET.
- Thursday, January 18, 2024, from 1200-1300 ET.

Very Respectfully,

The United States National Planning Committee

