

Evaluating Usefulness of an Electronic Resource for ICS Activities

Overview

A broad range of electronic resources are used in the National Response Framework and are available to local responders engaged in Incident Command activities.

In this exercise you will access some of these tools and discuss how each can assist you in functioning within the Incident Command System (ICS).

Objectives

When complete, you will be better able to:

- Access tools available electronically
- Describe how the tool can be used to carry out the activities in a specific role in the ICS

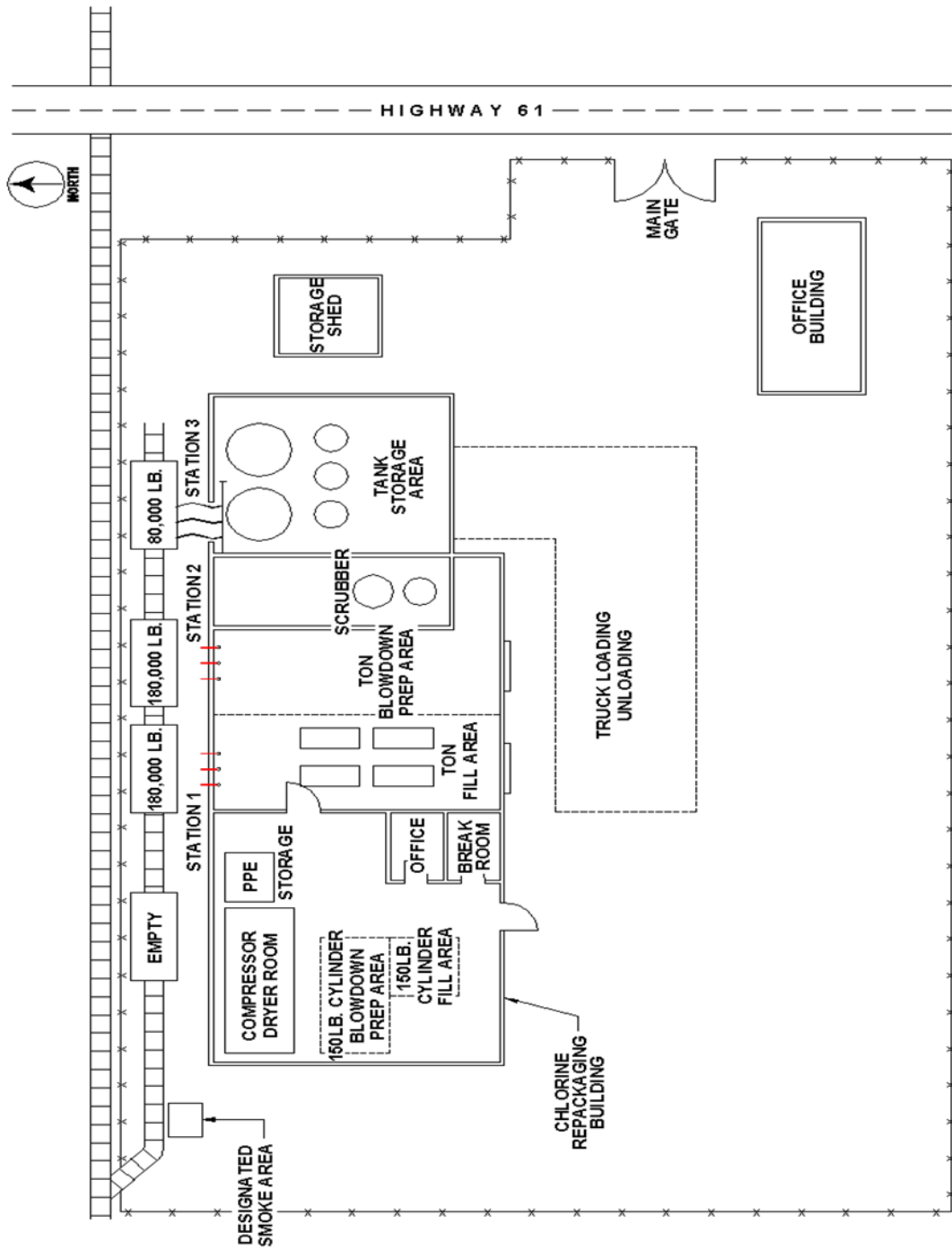
Exercise

Depending on the class size and your role, you may work in small groups, or individually. In small groups, you may select a note taker for the report back to the other participants.

Consider the scenario below (or alternate scenario provided by your facilitator).

A diagram of the incident location is shown on the next page. There are residential areas and manufacturing sites in all 4 directions from the plant. A rail car of chlorine was being unloaded by 4 workers at Station 3 on a hot summer morning, with a light breeze out of the south. Three other people were working in the Office Building. At 9:00 AM, the 4 workers put the unloading system into standby mode and took a break. Two workers went to the designated smoking area and the other two went to the breakroom in the Chlorine Repackaging Building. Twenty minutes later, the workers at the designated smoking area heard a loud pop and observed a jet of chlorine coming from the top of the rail car. The emergency shutoff for the chlorine unloading system is located at Station 2. A few minutes later, the two workers in the breakroom began to smell chlorine. They opened the breakroom door and observed that the building door near the PPE storage area was left open, and the building was filling up with mist. Their eyes and nose began to burn and water.

Evaluating Usefulness of Electronic Resources - Participant Guide



Evaluating Usefulness of Electronic Resources - Participant Guide

Use a laptop, tablet or smartphone to access a tool that might be used in your role in the ICS.

My ICS role/duties: _____

Website or application tool: _____

This technology/tool would assist me in performing my duties by:

How else could this technology/tool assist you in different scenarios?

Discuss

Be ready to discuss with the other participants what you or your group learned.