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Did You Know?

In 2011, the National Capital Region (NCR) launched the [National Capital Region News and Information Website](#). The site serves as a news feed for NCR jurisdictions as well as provides emergency alerts and weather, traffic, and utilities status information. In addition, NCR residents can sign up for daily updates. Many other jurisdictions have established similar public information websites including, [NY-Alert](#), [Alert LA County](#), and [NotifyChicago](#).

Nuclear and Radiological Lessons Learned

Featured Topic for March

LLIS.gov remembers the 1 year anniversary of the Great East Japan Earthquake. On March 11, 2011, at 2:46 p.m. Japan Standard Time, an undersea megathrust earthquake with a 9.0 magnitude (M 9.0) occurred off the northeast coast of Honshu, Japan. The earthquake generated tsunami waves of up to 38 meters, which resulted in over 15,000 deaths, 5,600 injured, and 4,800 people missing across 22 prefectures. The Great East Japan Earthquake also caused the automatic shutdown of 11 operating reactors, including the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant. Forty minutes after the earthquake, several tsunami waves inundated the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant. As a result, several units experienced explosions that caused a major release of radioactive materials into the air and the ocean. The Fukushima nuclear power plant released approximately 10 percent of the radiation released during the Chernobyl accident.



The Japanese tsunami and nuclear disaster demonstrates the need for jurisdiction to prepare for similar events. LLIS.gov provides members with the [Nuclear and Radiological Lessons](#) topic-specific page. This page includes a variety of reports in addition to LLIS.gov exclusive content documents. Examples of these documents include:

- [Mass Evacuation Reception Planning: Overview of Planning Issues After a Nuclear Incident, an exclusive LLIS.gov Best Practice:](#)
- [Ventura County, California, Nuclear Explosion Response Plan Version 3.0, Ventura County, California, Department of Public Health:](#)
- [IAEA International Fact Finding Expert Mission of the Nuclear Accident Following the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami: Tokyo, Fukushima Dai-ichi NPP, Fukushima Dai-ni NPP and Tokai NPP, Japan, Preliminary Summary, International Atomic Energy Agency; and](#)
- [Fukushima, Japan Radiation Tabletop Exercise After-Action Report/Improvement Plan \(AAR/IP\), Florida Department of Health](#)

For more information about this and other nuclear incidents, please visit *LLIS.gov*'s [Nuclear and Radiological Lessons](#) topic-specific page. To share experiences related to nuclear and radiological incidents, please submit your documents from the [Submit to LLIS.gov](#) page.



How do I find an After-Action Report on *LLIS.gov*

LLIS.gov Tutorial

LLIS.gov provides the After-Action Report Resource Center to help you access all after-action reports in the Document Library. The page provides access to after-action reports from exercises and real-world events from all levels of government, international partners, and private sector and non-governmental organizations. To access this page, please follow the steps below:



1. Log into [LLIS.gov](#).
2. Click the AFTER-ACTION REPORT RESOURCE CENTER link on the "New *LLIS.gov* Content" tab. You can also find the page by using the keyword search bar on the top right of every *LLIS.gov* webpage.
3. To narrow your search, the filter bar enables members to search for specific words in the title of the AAR.
4. Click on the hyperlink to access a PDF of the document.

If you have any questions about accessing or submitting AARs to *LLIS*, please contact *LLIS.gov* at feedback@llis.dhs.gov.



New *LLIS.gov* Exclusive Content

The *LLIS.gov* team continues to post new Lessons Learned and Practice Notes to the system on a regular basis. Weekly updates about new original content that is exclusive to *LLIS.gov* can be found in the [NEW LLIS.GOV CONTENT](#) tab on the *LLIS.gov* homepage. *LLIS.gov* recently posted the following exclusive documents:

Practice Notes

- [Emergency Public Information: Montgomery County, Maryland, Fire and Rescue's Use of Social Media to Engage the Community After Consecutive Snowstorms](#)

The Montgomery County, Maryland, Fire and Rescue Service (MCFRS) used Facebook, Twitter, and a blog to request that the community uncover fire hydrants buried in snow after consecutive February 2010 winter storms. MCFRS personnel used social media to share information with, and provide

guidance to, the community. This effort resulted in the effective participation of the community in recovery operations after the snowstorms.

- [Mass Casualty Incidents: The Missouri 1 Disaster Medical Team's Deployment of a Mobile Medical Unit After the Joplin Tornado](#)
The Missouri 1 Disaster Medical Team (MO-1 DMT) deployed an 8,000-square foot, 60 bed Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) to Joplin after the May 22, 2011, tornado destroyed the St. John's Regional Medical Center. This deployment enabled St. John's personnel to begin providing assistance to patients in this facility 6 days after the tornado.

Lesson Learned

- [Joint Field Office Operations: Assigning Liaison Officers to Assist Local Government Officials](#)
Joint Field Offices (JFOs) should consider assigning a dedicated Liaison Officer to assist senior local government officials. This can ensure that the local officials have a single point of contact into the JFO to facilitate information sharing and facilitate Federal assistance to the impacted locality.



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In 2011, the *LLIS.gov* team traveled around the country speaking and exhibiting at over 15 various conferences and events. Did you visit the *LLIS.gov* representatives at these events? Please share your feedback and comments with us by emailing outreach@llis.dhs.gov.

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