

Elements

Exercise: 7-18 May 2007

- Nuclear detonation incident in greater Indianapolis, IN resulting in:
 - ✓ Casualties
 - ✓ Infrastructure damage
 - ✓ Evacuations/displaced persons
 - ✓ Contamination
- Participants:
 - ✓ Indiana National Guard
 - ✓ Illinois National Guard
 - ✓ Ohio National Guard
 - ✓ National Guard Bureau
- Coordinating organizations and agencies:
 - ✓ Local, county and state agencies
 - ✓ National Guard Bureau
 - ✓ U.S. Northern Command
 - ✓ Department of Homeland Security
 - ✓ Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Helpful Terms

Civil Support Team (CST): Assesses hazards, advises civil authorities, and facilitates military support during emergencies and incidents of mass destruction

Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Enhanced Response Package (CERFP): Responds to chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives incidents by providing security, decontamination, medical support, and casualty search and extraction

VIGILANT GUARD



What is Exercise “Vigilant Guard”?

An 11-day, Indiana National Guard-hosted exercise that will test the National Guard as the **first military responder** in support of the governor and the state emergency management agency. “Vigilant Guard” reinforces that all incidents are local. The exercise will demonstrate the capabilities of the Indiana National Guard Joint Force Headquarters, the Joint Task Force-Indiana, and the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) – the process where Governors reach out to other governors for more assistance. Specific National Guard homeland defense capabilities will include the National Guard Reaction Forces, Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Teams and Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Enhanced Response Package teams.

What is the exercise scenario?

A simulated 10-kiloton nuclear device detonation will drive the deployment of National Guard personnel from Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, the National Guard Bureau, and other states.

Who will participate?

More than 2,000 National Guard personnel from Indiana and surrounding states will participate – all under the command and control of the Governor of Indiana through EMAC. These National Guard forces will operate and train alongside other participants including Indiana county and state agencies, the Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region V, and the Department of Energy.



Learn more: <http://www.ngb.army.mil>