



SERIES OVERVIEW & EXERCISE CONCEPT

Series Overview

Clear Path is the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security and Emergency Response (CESER), Infrastructure Security and Energy Restoration's (ISER) annual cornerstone all-hazards energy security and resilience exercise series. The Clear Path series brings together leading energy sector stakeholders to enhance policies and procedures, identify areas for collective improvement, and strengthen relationships and cooperation between industry and government energy sector partners.

The Clear Path series is the principal forum for enhancing the energy sector's ability to work together in response to catastrophic events. The series is a central pillar of DOE's efforts to constantly improve its ability to successfully meet its responsibilities as the Emergency Support Function (ESF) #12 Coordinator and the Sector-Specific Agency lead for the energy sector.

The continued success of Clear Path is predicated on the resolute support and involvement from Federal, State, Commonwealth, and local municipality government partners, cross-sector entities, and private sector organizations. To date, DOE has engaged over 650 energy sector and cross-infrastructure sector partners. Recognizing the strong support and engagement from partner organizations, DOE strives to ensure that each new edition of Clear Path presents an increasingly realistic and challenging exercise experience for all participants.

The Clear Path series presents a diverse array of exercise scenarios challenging response officials and allowing planners to build upon corrective actions and validate improvements made in response to lessons learned from previous exercises and real-world incidents.

Clear Path VII Overview

Clear Path VII (CPVII) is a discussion-based tabletop exercise which will take place on May 1-2, 2019. In response to strong feedback from the sector this will be the third consecutive regionally focused edition of the series. Clear Path VII will address challenges the energy sector may face during a major New Madrid Fault Line earthquake threatening parts of Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Oklahoma and Mississippi. DOE is working with stakeholders to identify a venue within the scenario's impacted region to conduct the exercise. Participation level is focused on senior operational management and emergency managers.

DOE and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have partnered to link Clear Path VII with FEMA Office of Response and Recovery's sponsored Shaken Fury 2019 Functional Exercise (scheduled June 3-7, 2019). Clear Path will leverage the Shaken Fury scenario, focusing specifically on energy sector issues and preparing the sector's operational engagement in Shaken Fury a month later.

PROJECTED PLANNING TIMELINE:

Initial Planning Meeting: August 23, 2018
Mid-Term Planning Meeting: January 2019
Final Planning Meeting: April 2019

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