

Stakeholder and Partner Engagement

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Why is Engagement Important?

To create a successful APELL program

- All parties potentially affected by community preparedness plans have a legitimate interest in the choices to be made
- Everyone in the community has an interest in the process and outcomes that form the community's vision of success.

Significant effort is needed to ensure that all groups with an interest in the outcomes of the APELL process are included

If a group of persons is impacted by the plan they should be involved in development of the plan



Partners

- Three very important partners who must be involved if APELL is to succeed:
 - Local authorities: officials, either elected or appointed, who are responsible for safety, public health and environmental protection in their area.
 - Industry: industrial plant managers are responsible for safety and accident prevention in their operations.
 - Local community and interest groups: environmental protection, health, lay care, media, and religious organizations, and leaders in the educational and business sectors



Motivation

- A concern about specific hazards and potential risks
- The actual occurrence of a natural hazard event or hazardous materials accident
- Concerns that hazardous materials used in the community could affect their health and environmental safety
- "Right-to-Know"



Creating Action

- These motives all reflect a fundamental desire to improve the community's preparedness
- Reach out to potential partners
- The APELL process offers:
 - knowledge & education
 - the opportunity to act
 - participation in planning
 - and a shared vision for the community



QUESTIONS?

