

FAQs for the LBNL Evacuation Exercise

Q: What day and time is the exercise?

Thursday, July 11, 2013 from 2:30 pm to 4 pm.

Q: What is the purpose of the exercise?

The purpose of the exercise is to test or validate the effectiveness of the Emergency Response Organization (ERO) in accordance with the site's Master Emergency Program Plan (MEPP), procedures and the DOE Order 151.1C.

The goal of the exercise is the evaluation of the Emergency Response Organization in their performance of roles and responsibilities during a response to an incident involving the evacuation of staff.

Q: What buildings are participating?

B50 complex, B55, B56, B56a, B56w, B60, B63, B64, B65 complex, B70, B70a, B88 and B90.

Q: Is this a drop, cover and hold drill like the drill in October?

No, this is not an earthquake drill, so there is no need to drop, cover and hold on.

Q: Will the Public Address (PA) system be used?

The PA will be used only to announce the beginning and completion of the exercise.

Q: How will I know when to evacuate my building?

The BM or radio holder will be contacted to begin their building evacuation. The BETs will direct you to gather your personal belongings and leave.

Q: Do we evacuate to the assembly areas?

No, staff will be instructed during the building sweep to take their belongings and leave the lab property by whatever mode of transportation they have available to them. They are released for the remainder of the workday.

Q: Where are people being evacuated to?

Participants in the exercise are expected to leave the Lab site and are released for either the remainder of the workday or should return once the exercise has concluded. Check with your supervisor.

Q: Are all of the buildings being released at the same time?

No, buildings will have staggered release times.

Q: Will I need to stop for stop signs during the exercise?

Yes, all traffic laws will be enforced.

Q: If my building isn't part of the exercise, what will I be doing that day?

If you are not part of the exercise, it will be a normal workday for you.

Q: Can I come back to the lab after I've left my building?

Not while the exercise is being conducted. If you should need to return to the Lab after evacuating, you may do so after the exercise has concluded. Information will be posted on the LBL.gov website and the 800-445-5830 after the exercise has concluded.

Q: Do I need to use a special fund code for my time during the exercise?

No, all time will be reported using your regular account number.

Q: How will BM/BETs be notified during the exercise?

The Building Manager radio will be used to notify buildings to begin evacuating their building.

Q: What are the BET members expected to do?

BETs are expected to sweep their assigned areas and inform the staff to take their personal belongings and leave the lab site. If someone refuses to leave, the BET is expected to document that employee's name and location on the accountability form, which will be turned at the conclusion of the exercise.

Q: Do the BM/BET members evacuate the lab after sweeping their buildings too?

No, BM/BET members are expected to remain and assist as needed in the evacuation exercise and to participate in the hotwash after the exercise is concluded.

Q: Are we using the accountability form?

Yes, the accountability form is to be used during the exercise.

Q: How do we turn in the form?

The forms should be turned in to the BET Lead to compile the information for their building. The forms are then to be turned in to Emergency Management staff during the hotwash, which will be conducted after the exercise has been concluded.

Q: Will there be a hotwash to discuss how the exercise went?

A hotwash will be held immediately after the conclusion of the exercise at the Bevitron parking lot. There will be a second hotwash on Friday, July 12th in the B50 Auditorium. Time to be determined.