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This newsletter is designed for anyone interested in the Emergency Management field who wants to keep up with latest developments.

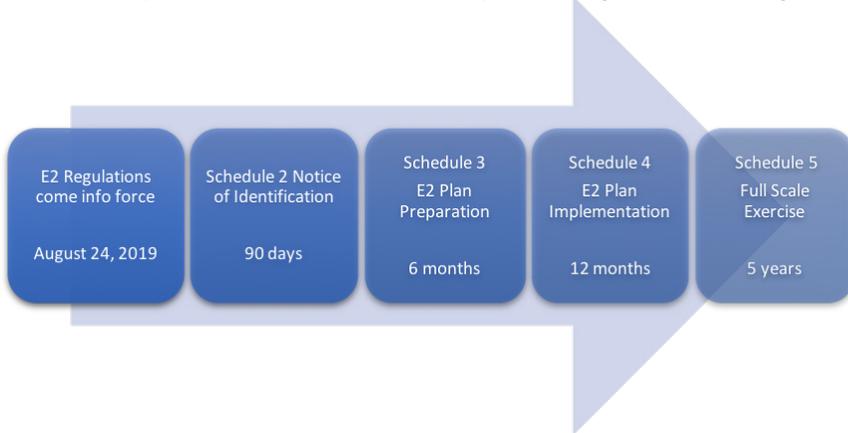
It will include industry and regulatory news as well as keeping you informed as to what the Sandhurst team has been up to.

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Regulated parties with Schedule 1 substances at or above specified thresholds may be required to provide information to ECCC. If regulatory conditions are met, parties may also be required to either develop or amend an existing E2 plan, and implement and exercise the plan along the following timetable:



Oil and gas, and chemical manufacturing sectors will be impacted the most by the new regulations. However, other industries who use or store quantities of regulated substances may also be impacted. For example, anyone requiring commercial or industrial refrigeration – food retail, warehousing, or distribution, or sport/recreational facilities – should review their operations to assess applicability.

The revised E2 Regulations will come into force on August 24, 2019. For further information, see the complete [E2 Regulations, 2019](#) in the Canada Gazette, Part II.

Sandhurst is proud to support the International Association of Emergency Managers – Canada. The IAEM-Canada event brings together leaders in emergency management to share the latest in technologies being used, and lessons learned around the world, to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters.

Look for us at our booth this June 4-7 in Calgary, AB, or let us know that you will be attending so that we can connect.



LATEST NEWS

2019 Environmental Emergency (E2) Regulations

On March 6, 2019, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) published the revised "E2 Regulations, 2019" (SOR/2019-51). Changes include:

- Consolidation and modification of Schedule 1 – List of Substances;
- 33 new substances including: crude oil, diesel, NGLs, condensates, and ammonium hydroxide;
- New hazard classes for substances;
- New plan content requirements;
- Required full-scale exercise every 5 years;
- Public consultation and notification measures; and
- New reporting requirements.

This is the Future of Business Continuity

Extreme weather events, an increasing reliance on globalization, and a growing interconnectedness with the internet of things has made businesses increasingly vulnerable to new and emerging hazards. When business continuity first started, the focus was predominantly on protecting Information Technology infrastructure through Disaster Recovery Plans. While many businesses continue to focus solely on IT for their BCP, there are an increasing number who have taken a more holistic approach.

Loss of IT infrastructure is just one factor that can impact a business. Loss of supply chain, loss of workforce, loss of asset, and loss of access are the new focus for BIAs in organizations adopting this new model. Another part of this holistic approach is a shift away from hazard-specific plans. Event-neutral, a term used to describe this change, is a term popping up around watercoolers these days.



The type of hazard is no longer relevant, instead, businesses have shifted to focusing on the results of losing one of the five factors listed above and improving their processes for response and recovery.

Understanding your supply chains and who is truly essential to your organization are far more important to a business than planning for that pandemic around the corner. As we face new and increasingly complex hazards we will continue to learn more adaptive strategies for business continuity.

Mass Notifications Systems: What's the right fit?

Do you need a mass notification system and what is the best one? The simple answer is, it depends.

Society has evolved to a point where we want and expect to have instant information. It is important to determine what the requirements are for your business, what you are willing to invest in terms of time and money and if you have a regulated requirement or simply want to serve your staff and customers effectively and efficiently.

There are hundreds of systems and apps globally. They vary by function, capability, cost and can be customized to suit your needs. These of course come with variable levels of infrastructure support and requirements for training. Although in most cases using these systems is relatively intuitive with the greatest amount of work at the front end loading the requisite data for your target audience.

Ultimately, it is important to make sure you acknowledge you likely need a communications plan and the tools to achieve that plan. Discuss and practice the plan so there is a shared understanding within your organization and stakeholders. Lastly, consider redundancy in some form as no matter how well you plan and prepare, something often goes wrong.

Upcoming Training

Sandhurst is running the following open enrollment courses over the next few months. Contact us for more information.

ICS 200: May 6-7, Edson

ICS 200: May 11-12, Cold Lake

ICS 300: June 4-6, Lloydminster

ICS 300: June 25-27, Calgary

Role Specific IC: May 8

Role Specific Safety Officer: May 8

Role Specific Ops Chief: May 13

Role Specific Scribe: May 16

Role Specific Logistics: Jun 12

Role Specific Security: Jun 12

Role Specific Scribe: Jun 13

It's that time of year!

Flooding and wildfires are an increasing risk across the world including here in Alberta and we are approaching that time of year when the risk is highest.

Although the level of risk can change rapidly, the early indications are that the flooding risk is lower than average in 2019 but the wildfire risk is higher.

Given the unpredictability of Alberta weather, it would be prudent to check your existing plans to be ready to react to both possibilities. Have your plans been updated? Are the contact details correct? Do your employees know what to do if the worst happens?.

Now is the time to check...



Mutual Aid: Let's Make Sure

Many years ago, I volunteered as a firefighter in the small town I lived in. In our response district we had three gas processing facilities. I often asked the Fire Chief what would happen if we had to respond to an incident in the facilities. The answer was always the same; "don't worry, they have their own response teams and won't need us".

Fast forward a few years and sure enough we get paged out to one of the facilities for a medical rescue. On arrival we encountered a male patient on a fixed mobile scaffold about 13 meters off the building floor. He had been performing inspections and somehow managed to bang his head resulting in an open skull fracture and ending up unconscious on the floor of the tiny scaffold.

I asked if the facility had a rescue team and was informed that, to paraphrase; "Billy retired, Fred transferred, the rest of us haven't trained in years and the equipment logs haven't been maintained". I put in a call to the nearest city and requested their high angle team. We did what we could for the patient who was eventually rescued and recovered. "Click to see the remainder of this article"

Mutual Aid: [Full Article by Mike Crawford](#)



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