Premiam: The Story so far..... Mark Kirby

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How, what, why, who....



- Started life in 2009
- Aim: 'Develop procedures and practices to ensure a fast, pre-considered and efficient response to impact assessment and monitoring.'
- How: Promoting best practice, developing guidance/tools, management & decision making processes & creating a forum for cooperation.
- Who: Partnership of over 20 UK government agencies & departments. Industry group initiated in 2015.
- What: Premiam is a cross-government/industry initiative. Not a separate organisation but a forum for debate and progress.
- It is an inclusive group aimed at maintaining awareness of post-spill issues and working across borders and sectors to facilitate preparedness.





Achievements



- Post-Spill Monitoring Guidelines
- Development and promotion of the Monitoring Coordination Cell concept (PMCC etc.).
- Development of tools and publications to facilitate the assessment of preparedness and prioritise activity.
- Inclusion in the National Contingency Plan and integration with response exercises.
- Promotion of best-practice and engagement (e.g. biennial conference, website, presentations etc.).
- A forum for discussion across stakeholders.















































Challenges



- Maintaining focus in times of austerity and in the absence of major domestic incidents. Fighting complacency.
- Promoting efficiency through working together. Consistency of approach, nomenclature etc.
- Integrating environmental monitoring into the wider understanding of what 'effective response' is. Through monitoring we understand how effective our response has been.
- What level of preparedness is enough?





Feedback form – Selected Questions



- How prepared are we to initiate effective and scientifically robust post-spill environmental monitoring – what more do we need to do?
- Wider engagement. Who else do we need to engage to help develop the Premiam initiative and to ensure a more integrated and coordinated approach to environmental monitoring?
- The Premiam guidance: There is a commitment to review and update the Premiam post-spill monitoring guidelines in 2016/17. What aspects would you like to see included/expanded?





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