

Port of Cleveland Tabletop Exercise October 2024



CORE CAPABILITIES



SITUATIONAL
ASSESSMENT



OPERATIONAL
COORDINATION



INTELLIGENCE &
INFORMATION SHARING

- Response
- Recovery



OBJECTIVES

- Identify Federal, state, and local agency and private industry notification processes to support Marine Transportation System (MTS) disruption supply chain impacts.
- Identify Federal, state, and local agency and private industry mitigation roles and responsibilities in response to supply chain disruptions.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the connectivity and interdependencies of surface (road and rail) and maritime transportation systems as they relate to supply chain criticality.
- Validate the ability to reroute goods post MTS disruption to mitigate supply chain impacts.

EXERCISE PURPOSE

The purpose of this exercise is for the Great Lakes MTS and partners to identify policies, procedures, and regulations governing the resumption of trade following a supply chain disruption and identify strategies to mitigate future disruptions.



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STRENGTHS

- The exercise identified organizations are effective and efficient in managing the initial response and mitigating the process; communication channels are open and effective.
- Action plans are readily available and USCG identified that their plans can be shared with like-minded partners to strengthen the relationship with maritime partners.
- Communications, to include call-trees are actively maintained and updated for continuity purposes during an incident; within the Cleveland maritime area the communications pathways are open and actively used.



AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT

- It was identified that there is a need for the organizations represented at the meeting to begin to evaluate the coordination efforts beyond the immediate response to incidents.
- The exercise identified a need to consider more tabletops and/or seminars to discuss supply chain disruption pertaining to long-term impacts.
- The exercise identified that public information and coordination needs improvement to consider stronger joint efforts and resource identification.
- Document changes to identify all types of hazards consideration for a THIRA style approach to considerations.



PARTICIPATING STAKEHOLDERS

International	Transport Canada
Federal	CBP, CISA, CMTS, Dept of State, Dept of Homeland Security, DHS SCRC, DOT (BTS, FHWA, FRA, GLS, MARAD, OST, OST-P), EPA, FEMA, International Trade Administration, NOAA, TSA, USACE, USCG
State	Northeast Ohio Regional Fusion Center, Ohio Dept of Natural Resources, Ohio DOT, Ohio Emergency Management Agency, Ohio Homeland Security, Ohio National Guard
Local	Cleveland Fire Dept, Cleveland Metroparks Police, Cleveland Police, Cuyahoga OEM
Private	Cleveland Cliffs, International Longshoremen's Association, Jacobs Entertainment, Lake Carriers' Association, Nautica Entertainment, Norfolk Southern, Port of Cleveland