Background

- Coordinated national, state, local, and nuclear utility exercise conducted in July and September 2015
- First whole community exercise in response to a release from a nuclear power plant incident in decades
- First time ever examining long-term recovery issues from large radiological release

Method

- Combination of operational exercise and tabletop discussions that examined multiple points in time
- Operational exercise period focused on integration of national-level capabilities into State-level response
- Long-term recovery tabletop exercises focused on housing and economic/agricultural issues.

Results

While the official after-action report has not yet been issued, preliminary analysis suggests the following high-level results:

- Existing doctrine and frameworks provide a solid foundation for response to and recovery from a large radiological release from a nuclear power plant
- Gaps and overlaps may exist in some national response and recovery authorities
- Funding mechanisms for response and recovery may not be well understood by all stakeholders
- Coordination of public information among responding entities remains difficult