



The Rocky Mountain Laboratories Exposure Response and Management Program



Components of RML Exposure Response and Management Program

- Medical Management Program
- Biological Exposure Assessment Program (BEAP)
- Crisis Management Team
- Incident Notification System
- Program documents
 - Biological Exposure Control Plan
 - RML Emergency Response Manual
 - IRF Emergency Response Plan
 - Select Agent Incident Response Plan



Medical Management Program for Biological Exposures

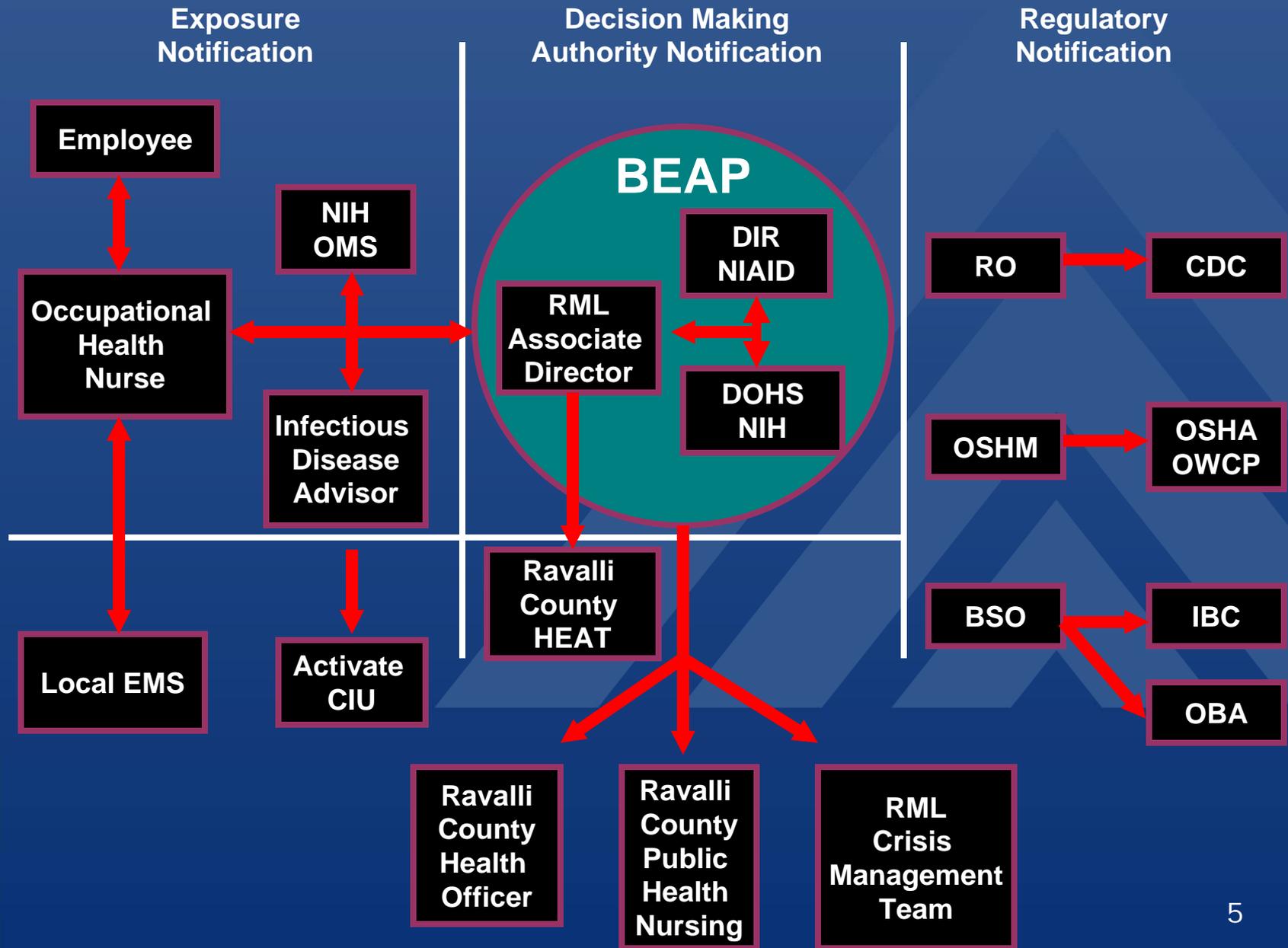
- Components
 - NIH Occupational Medical Service
 - On-site Occupational Health Nurse
 - Isolation/Evaluation Suite in IRF
 - Local Emergency Medical Services
 - Board-certified Infectious Disease Advisor
 - Regional Referral Hospital (RRH)
 - Outreach to Local Medical Community



Biological Exposure Assessment Program

- Provides for local (RML) and institutional (NIAID/NIH) assessment of incidents, exposures and illnesses related to use of biological agents
- Membership includes representatives from NIH DOHS, NIAID DIR, NIAID RML
- Activated by Associate Director, RML upon:
 - notification by Occupational Health Nurse or designee
 - activation of Ravalli County Health Emergency Advisory Team (HEAT)

Biological Exposure Notifications



Crisis Management Team

- Activated in response to any large-scale accident or disaster
- Membership includes RML administrative, safety, maintenance, public affairs, and law enforcement personnel
- Utilizes Incident Command structure, as mandated in National Incident Management System
- Provides management of emergency response and recovery
- Operates out of Emergency Operations Center

Incident Notification System

- Matrix of possible notifications and activations in response to events of increasing institute and public impact
- Example:

Phase	Examples of Events	Possible Notifications and Activations
<p>Phase 3: Event with Extended Impact</p> <p>Definition: An event originating on the RML campus with potential for urgent implications, long-term impact to RML and/or impact extending beyond local community</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Suspected exposure or confirmed work-related illness from BSL-3 or BSL-4 infectious agent •Dangerous person on site •Threat of terrorist activity on campus •HAZMAT/environmental/ra diological event with external or regulatory implications •Event leading to significant facility damage or interruption of operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Notify appropriate internal response staff •Notify RML Associate Director and/or OAD Business and Program Manager ASAP •Issue RML-wide email notice •Notify local and federal authorities, e.g., health officer, public health, MDPHHS, MTDES, FBI, MDEQ, NRC, CDC, law enforcement, fire department, local government •Notify NIAID DIR and NIH DOHS •Update RML Hotline

