

2.1-P11. Operations Support Centre and International Data Centre Interactions during IFE14: Observations and Paths Forward

Several participants in the 2014 Integrated Field Exercise (IFE14), two of whom served as Control Team (CT) members for the Operations Support Centre (OSC) during the exercise, present observations on the following activities: (1) the communication process between the OSC and International Data Centre (IDC) and the nature of those communications, (2) the interactions among the exercise management, CT, OSC, IDC and Inspection Team (IT), (3) the technical advantages and challenges of engaging the IDC for this specific exercise, including examples of datasets, and injects provided by the CT and IDC via the OSC to fulfill IT requests and promote the objectives of the IFE. We also provide recommendations for more beneficial and comprehensive utilization and integration of IDC datasets into an On-Site Inspection (OSI) via IDC components including special event analyses, with potential incorporation of publically available data sets such as satellite imagery. Noting that this was the first IFE to involve the OSC and IDC (though there was a precursor in BUE1), we explore ways in which the OSC and its relationship with the IDC can develop and mature to best support field activities during an OSI.

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