Annex 6 - Relocation and Mass Care Centers (Shelters)

The Hancock County Office of Emergency Management (HCOEM) has the responsibility for the relocation and care of the general population during an incident at the power station. The Hancock County Radiological Emergency Response Plan (HC RERP) outlines policies and procedures for the safe relocation and sheltering of the affected community.

A.   In the event of an evacuation, mass care centers (shelters) for the evacuees will be opened in Weirton, West Virginia. The mass care centers are located at least five miles outside the ten-mile EPZ. (HC RERP – Annex H)

B.   The American Red Cross (ARC) is responsible for the opening of the mass care centers and will register the evacuees as they arrive (HC REP Annex R-SOP No. 9). If needed, assistance will be provided through the ARC representative in the State Emergency Operations Center.

C.   Radiological monitoring of the evacuees is accomplished by trained Hancock County fire personnel at the mass care centers. These personnel are capable of monitoring; within about a 12-hour period, all residents and transients in the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ).

D.   Registering and monitoring of evacuees, as well as locations of the mass care centers, are outlined in the Hancock County Radiological Emergency Response Plan (Annex I and SOP No. 10 of Annex R).

E.   Special arrangements have been made by the HCOEM for the relocation and sheltering of the mobility impaired. This includes both those confined to institutions and those confined at home. These arrangements are outlined in the Hancock County Radiological Emergency Response Plan (Annex H).

F.   State assistance in the relocation and sheltering of the evacuees will follow the procedures in Annex E – Evacuation, Annex F – Human Services, and Annex L – Volunteer Relief Organizations of the West Virginia Emergency Operations Plan. Additionally, the American Red Cross has committed itself to provide mass care services in the event of an emergency at a fixed nuclear facility.