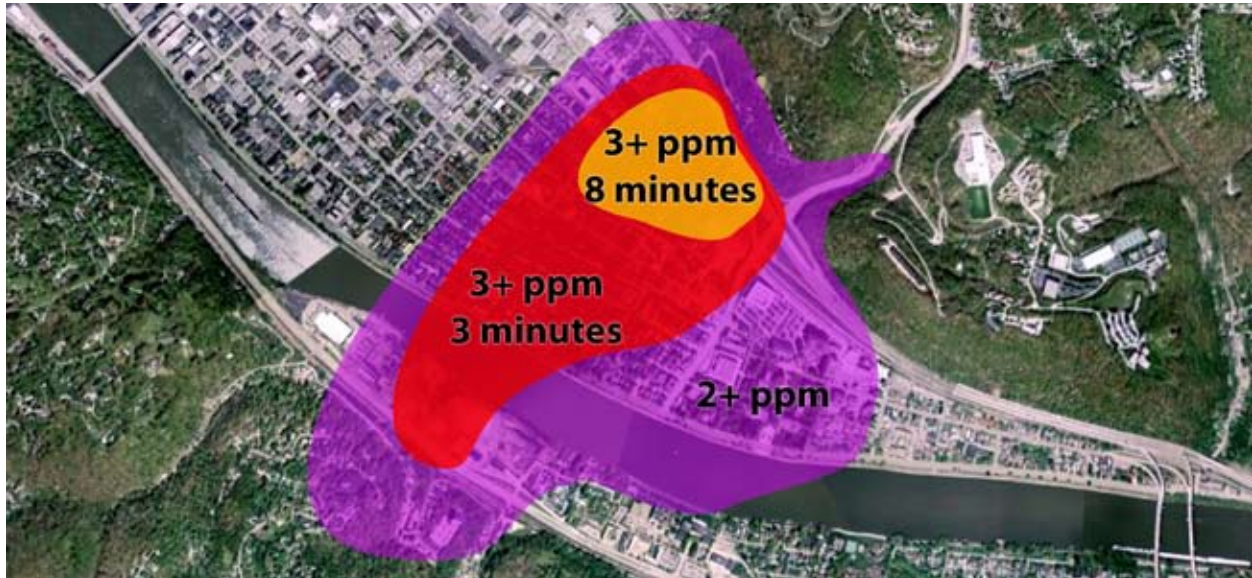


West Virginia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner *Strategic Mass Fatality Response Plan & Tabletop Exercise*



Brondolo Associates completed a strategic mass fatality response plan and tabletop exercise for West Virginia's Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. The state's existing mass fatality response plan was tested through a custom tabletop exercise, following research and analysis of interagency vulnerabilities for responding to a catastrophic incident. The exercise revealed specific gaps and provided a strategic framework for improving the mass fatality plan. The contract was awarded on a short time frame, requiring an expedited schedule. In an 8 week period, Brondolo Associates delivered a custom tabletop exercise, an after action report, and a strategic mass fatality response plan.

The tabletop exercise was based on a fictitious chemical plant with an accidental rupture of a hazardous chemical. This focused on fatality management operations and included player handouts, video injects, a facilitated discussion, breakout discussions, and a group presentation.

The strategic plan developed solutions to gaps identified in the tabletop. The document outlined initial actions needed to characterize an incident and response steps. The strategies focused on the response mechanisms for a large mass fatality incident that exceeds local resources and triggers State and/or Federal Assistance. These strategies, however, can also apply to smaller mass fatality events that do not overwhelm operational capabilities.

