



2017 Regionals update

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2017 saw ERAC staff busy across the country assessing and training all our partner response teams.

The LPG teams were asked to show competency in transferring varying means of containment. Teams pumped bob tails, b trains, bullets or railcars, each presenting a unique challenge and an opportunity for the team to dig into their equipment and fittings to build the components needed to succeed in each scenario.

Flammable liquid teams currently have a singular tank car focus at this point in time; all of the regionals were tank car to tank car transfers. However, different teams were faced with differing cars, valve configurations, products or scenarios to challenge them.

During assessments, ERAC technical advisors are looking to see if a team works safely and proficiently, as well as monitoring the performance of the transfer equipment. We monitor flow rates of equipment and transfer times so that ERAC can predict field transloading times to an authority having jurisdiction (AHJ) or carrier. We have minimum standards, requested through our Operations Committee based on stakeholders needs.

The ERAC Operations team will be meeting in mid-December to discuss and develop the 2018 day 1 training curriculum. Our goal, as always, is to ensure it benefits our responders, and Plan Participants, as much as possible. We want to provide a consistent message on policy and procedures to all of the teams across Canada. Please send any suggestions on what you would like to practice or learn to enhance safety and your skills to don.merriam@erac.org.

All of us at ERAC are looking forward to seeing the teams in 2018; we hope you are looking forward to new challenges and interesting training.

