Priority 1: Build and administer NTEP Program

Objective 1.1. Institutionalize NTEP within VS.		
Event	**Justification**	**Timeline**
Event 1.1.1. Advance the plans necessary to support and sustain the program.	This Event is critical to the maintenance and success of NTEP.	FY 2027-2029
Event 1.1.2. The NTEP team conducts a VS TEPW each spring to identify the VS NTEP strategy, priorities, objectives, and resources for the next three years.	This Event is in accordance with HSEEP guidance and is critical to the success of NTEP.	FY 2027-2029
Event 1.1.3. Publish and implement a multi-year VS TEP by October 1 of each year.	This Event is in accordance with HSEEP guidance and is critical to the success of NTEP.	FY 2027-2029
Event 1.1.5. Incorporate new technologies and processes to support T&Es.	This Event was initiated in FY 2015 for exercises only. It now encompasses training as well.	FY 2027-2029
Event 1.1.6. Assist VS personnel with participating in external stakeholder T&Es.	**Formerly Event 3.3.6.** This Event was expanded to include training in FY 2018.	FY 2027-2029

Objective 1.2. Solicit input for T&E planning and raise awareness of NTEP.		
Event	**Justification**	**Timeline**
Event 1.2.1. Request feedback and input from all VS units and external stakeholder emergency responders on NTEP priorities, objectives, and events for consideration in the VS TEP.	This Event is essential to synchronize the VS TEP with the needs of the VS program and external stakeholder emergency responders.	FY 2027-2029
Event 1.2.3. Market, promote, and raise awareness of NTEP to VS and external stakeholder emergency responders.	**Formerly Event 2.2.1.** This is an essential part of maintaining interest in and institutionalizing NTEP.	FY 2027-2029

Objective 1.3. Adopt a process for NTEP improvement planning.		
Event	**Justification**	**Timeline**
Event 1.3.2. Maintain a corrective action plan (CAP).	This Event came out of the FY 2022 VS TEPW. Corrective actions and improvement plans are essential in the improvement of VS and external stakeholder emergency responder capabilities. NTEP actively seeks feedback from responders.	FY 2027-2029

Objective 1.4. Market, promote, and sustain completed NTEP events.		
Event	**Justification**	**Timeline**
Event 1.4.1. Market and update existing T & E materials developed by NTEP to ensure new VS policies and procedures are included.	Plans, policies, and response procedures evolve throughout exercises and actual response processes. This necessitates NTEP materials being periodically reviewed and updated to stay applicable and relevant. States, agencies, and other stakeholders should be encouraged to utilize existing exercises. A complete list of available exercises is provided in Appendix D.	FY 2027-2029
Event 1.4.2. Market webinars previously developed by NTEP.	States, agencies, and other stakeholders should be encouraged to utilize existing webinars. A complete list of available webinars is provided in Appendix D.	FY 2027-2029

Objective 1.5. Support efforts of the National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program.		
Event	**Justification**	**Timeline**
Event 1.5.1. TEP workgroup members support the NADPRP by engaging with state partners and supporting project plans approved by the NADPRP for implementation.	NTEP workgroup member experience with T&Es is key to supporting NADPRP.	FY 2027-2029
Event 1.5.2. Support NADPRP by identifying completed projects for webinars to assist other VS and external emergency response stakeholders in preparedness efforts.	This Event came out of the FY 2023 VS TEPW.	FY 2027-2029

Priority 2: Train VS and External Stakeholder Emergency Responders

Objective 2.1. Leverage existing training and exercise programs to raise awareness and encourage participation.		
Event	**Justification**	**Timeline**
Event 2.1.3. Encourage participation in the European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (EUFMD), ASF, and HPAI courses. These are available both as online courses and field courses.	These courses were discussed at the FY 2017 VS TEPW as an educational opportunity open to VS staff. Starting in FY 2020, funding for VS personnel to attend a virtual training customized for Canada is provided.	FY 2027-2029
Event 2.1.8. Develop and deliver a virtual webinar series focusing on best practices when developing FAD response plans. The webinar series will include using lessons learned from FAD responses to update response plans.	This Event was suggested at the FY 2021 VS TEPW. During the 2024 TEPW, developing a list of planning best practices and an associated webinar were identified as the next focus for this workgroup.	FY 2027
Event 2.1.9. IMT-Plus task-specific training: Provide funding for external courses that train SMEs on carcass composting training.	**Formerly Event 2.2.15.** This Event addresses lessons learned from the 2014-2015 HPAI emergency response and the Coronavirus Disease (COVID) impact on meat harvest capacity.	FY 2027-2028
Event 2.1.11. Work with state partner organizations to conduct emergency response training. Training may include ICS, EMRS, response contracting issues, and sharing resources.	This Event was suggested at the FY 2025 VS TEPW.	FY 2027

Objective 2.2. Identify training needs, develop training materials, and deliver training for FAD/EDI preparedness and response.		
Event	**Justification**	**Timeline**
Event 2.2.25. Deliver timely webinars on general response, industry, and FAD issues. These will be designed for VS and external stakeholders.	This Event was added in response to the 2016 VS NTEP solicitation for input. Webinars typically have a general attendance of 100 to 300 VS personnel and external stakeholder viewers.	FY 2027-2029
Event 2.2.28. Engage stakeholders on the content of FAD PReP materials and sites, FAD Eye, and external-facing response training sites. This can include the creation of games, blogs, podcasts, etc.	**Event was combined with Event 2.4.3.** This Event was first completed in FY 2018 but requires quarterly articles for FAD Eye on TEP-specific Events that need to be marketed.	FY 2027-2029
Event 2.2.34. Train APHIS, IMT, and District Safety Officers on the use of select NVS equipment and develop safety plans for the use of the equipment.	This Event was suggested at the FY 2018 VS TEPW. Safety Officers should participate in NVS drills.	FY 2027-2029
Event 2.2.37. Deliver Emergency Management Response System (EMRS) training to stakeholders via non-traditional means.	This Event was suggested at the FY 2018 VS TEPW and was confirmed as a need in the ARMAR AAR. At the FY 2026 VS TEPW, a lunch and learn webinar series for specific IMT positions was added under this Event.	FY 2027-2029
Event 2.2.43. Develop and deliver a series of epidemiological webinar presentations for response personnel.	This Event was suggested at the FY 2019 VS TEPW, and is a federal and state need consistently identified in the annual VS NTEP needs assessment survey.	FY 2027-2029
Event 2.2.49. Develop and deliver training on ICS and other response activities for FADs that are parasite or vector-borne	This Event was suggested at the FY 2021 VS TEPW.	FY 2027
Event 2.2.59. Develop and conduct Section-specific webinar series for IMTs. Training should include how to organize staff positions, best practices, lessons learned, and blending state and federal IMTs.	This Event was suggested at the FY 2025 VS TEPW.	FY 2027-2029

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Event	**Justification**	**Timeline**
Event 2.2.60. Develop a webinar series on emerging and returning diseases. Webinars may include firsthand accounts of responders deployed to the disease.	This Event was suggested at the FY 2025 VS TEPW.	FY 2027-2029
Event 2.2.62. Develop and deliver a series of trainings focused on basic animal health response, FAD response, and sovereignty for Tribal Nations.	**Formerly Event 3.3.13.** At the FY 2026 VS TEPW, this Event was changed to focus on basic animal health training for tribes.	FY 2027-2028

Objective 2.5. Create a model for ICS position-specific training to facilitate emergency preparedness and response training for VS and external stakeholder emergency response personnel.		
Event	**Justification**	**Timeline**
Event 2.5.5. Conduct VS IMT developmental activities, including training and exercises both in-person and virtual.	**Formerly Event 3.1.7.** This Event addresses lessons learned from the 2015 VS IMT Workshop and was recommended by all VS IMTs. Engaging in T&Es is a priority for the teams.	FY 2027-2029

Priority 3: Exercise VS and External Stakeholder Emergency Responder Capabilities

Objective 3.1. Conduct discussion-based exercises to validate emergency preparedness and response plans and capabilities.		
Event	**Justification**	**Timeline**
Event 3.1.17. Develop and conduct an exercise series focused on Secure Food Supply (SFS) plans as they pertain to permitting and implementation at the state and federal level.	This Event was suggested at the FY 2018 VS TEPW as a follow-up to the ARMAR functional exercise. NTEP has materials available for Secure Milk Supply, Secure Pork Supply, and Secure Beef Supply implementation. During FY 2024, the planning team decided this Event should focus on an exercise dealing with Secure Sheep and Wool Supply. A Secure Poultry Supply exercise is in development.	FY 2027

Objective 3.1. Conduct discussion-based exercises to validate emergency preparedness and response plans and capabilities.		
Event	**Justification**	**Timeline**
Event 3.1.18. Develop and conduct an exercise series dealing with responding to large feedlots (>50,000 head) infected with FMD.	This Event was suggested at the FY 2019 VS TEPW as a follow-up to the ARMAR functional exercise. The first part of the series should be a VS policy workshop, followed by a state planning workshop and a TTX to validate policies and plans.	FY 2027-2028
Event 3.1.19. Develop and conduct an exercise series dealing with epidemiological skills for response personnel.	**Connected to Event 2.2.43.** This Event was suggested at the FY 2019 VS TEPW.	FY 2027
Event 3.1.26. Develop and deliver an exercise series dealing with FMD and ASF response at packing plants, including vaccination management with the beef packing industry. The original work on pork packer planning and response was conducted under Event 3.3.12. Pork packer-related exercises were moved to Event 3.1.26 during the 2024 TEPW.	This Event was suggested at the FY 2021 VS TEPW. During the 2024 TEPW, the planning team felt that the ASF Packer Plan Development Workshop and the Beef Packer TTXs needed to be repiloted. Repiloting of the ASF Packer Planning Workshop is needed because of major revisions to the original activity. The Beef Packer TTX needs to be repiloted due to limited participation by the industry and uncertainty that the exercise would be applicable to small harvest facilities.	FY 2027
Event 3.1.27. Develop and deliver an exercise series focused on coordination and communication between the NAHLN laboratories and IMTs.	This Event was suggested at the FY 2022 VS TEPW and as a follow-up to the FAD SAFE functional exercise. This need was affirmed at the NAHLN ASF workshop that NTEP designed and facilitated in 2023.	FY 2028-2029
Event 3.1.29. Develop and deliver an exercise series on the VS Ruminant Health Center's roles during a FAD response.	This Event was suggested at the FY 2023 VS TEPW and as a follow-up to the FAD SAFE functional exercise.	FY 2027
Event 3.1.30. Develop and deliver a series of workshops for the development of state-specific depopulation and disposal plans for each livestock commodity.	This Event was suggested at the FY 2023 VS TEPW.	FY 2027

Objective 3.1. Conduct discussion-based exercises to validate emergency preparedness and response plans and capabilities.		
Event	**Justification**	**Timeline**
Event 3.1.32. Develop and deliver an exercise series addressing quarantine and movement control in transitional swine herds after an ASF detection in feral swine.	This Event was suggested at the FY 2025 VS TEPW.	FY 2027-2029
Event 3.1.33. Develop and conduct workshops and exercises with States to advance preparedness for New World Screwworm response.	**Connected to Event 3.1.3.** This Event was suggested at the FY 2025 VS TEPW.	FY 2027-2029
Event 3.1.34. Develop and deliver a workshop on scarce resource allocation during two simultaneous disease outbreaks.	This Event was suggested at the FY 2025 VS TEPW.	FY 2028
Event 3.1.36. Develop and deliver a workshop focused on best practices for developing a FAD response-related Memorandum of Understanding with tribes.	This Event was suggested at the FY 2026 VS TEPW. This would be a follow-up to the Tribal Webinars Event.	FY 2028
Event 3.1.40. Develop and deliver a workshop to build a best practices document for responding to foreign animal diseases in aquatic animals.	This Event was suggested at the FY 2026 VS TEPW.	FY 2029

Objective 3.2. Conduct a series of drills and functional exercises to validate specific operational procedures and functions.		
Event	**Justification**	**Timeline**
Event 3.2.2. Develop drill materials for FADDs to validate procedures for the field investigation of potential FADs/EDIs and data entry into the training module of EMRS 2.0.	This Event provides FADDs opportunities to practice and maintain their knowledge and skills in a no-fault learning environment. The Event was started in FY 2016, and implementation and development will continue in FY 2027-2029.	FY 2027-2029
Event 3.2.8. Provide support to Emergency Coordinators or other VS personnel to develop and deliver appropriate TTXs or drills including use of NVS equipment within the states they support. These TTXs or drills must support the goals and objectives of NTEP.	This Event was started in FY 2018. At the FY 2019 VS TEPW, it was decided to expand the workgroup to create a larger group of mentors to assist personnel in implementing the exercise.	FY 2027-2029

Objective 3.2. Conduct a series of drills and functional exercises to validate specific operational procedures and functions.		
Event	**Justification**	**Timeline**
Event 3.2.11. Develop and deliver a drill to complete an infected herd plan for each applicable species.	This Event was suggested at the FY 2021 VS TEPW. A drill for bovines was completed in FY 2026.	FY 2027
Event 3.2.12. Develop and deliver a series of games based on the role of future planning within the IMT structure during a FAD response. In the FY 2026 TEPW, this Event was expanded to include the determination of where future planning fits in the response planning process (Planning P) and to develop best practices for integrating future planning in the current IMT planning model.	**Connected to Event 2.2.29.** This Event was a follow-up to the Complexity Analysis and Future Planning Training.	FY 2027-2029

Objective 3.3. Participate and engage in training and exercises sponsored by or in collaboration with external stakeholder emergency responders that support NTEP strategy.		
Event	**Justification**	**Timeline**
Event 3.3.9. Develop and deliver EMRS drill materials to build on the skills learned in EMRS training.	**Connected to Event 2.2.37. Follow-up to Event 2.2.12.** The first EMRS drill was delivered in FY 2018; these drills have been provided by EMRS staff since then.	FY 2027-2029
Event 3.3.12. Develop and support exercises focused on ASF response.	This Event was identified by VS leadership as a priority. This event is being kept open to address potential ASF-related exercise needs in the future. There are no ASF activities planned for this Event as of the 2026 TEPW.	FY 2027-2029
Event 3.3.15. Develop and deliver a workshop addressing communication and coordination between regulatory authorities involving feral swine during an ASF or FMD outbreak and identify the communication channels between these agencies.	This Event was suggested at the FY 2024 VS TEPW.	FY 2027

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Event	**Justification**	**Timeline**
Event 3.3.16. Develop and deliver a seminar and workshop to identify authorities and communication channels between regulatory authorities at milk processing plants, relative to a FAD response.	This Event was suggested at the FY 2024 VS TEPW. The seminar will include fluid milk movements and transport basics during an animal disease outbreak.	FY 2027
Event 3.3.17. Identify and develop a large-scale FE addressing needed preparedness activities every two to three years.	This Event was suggested at the FY 2025 VS TEPW. An ARMAR 2.0 functional exercise is planned for FY 2028. Planning for this exercise will begin in FY 2027. During the FY 2026 TEPW, **Event 3.2.13.** was combined with this event.	FY 2027-2028