



Emergency Exercise at Lanshan Terminal

On 15 April 2005, the Rizhao City Fire Bureau, on behalf of Shandong Government, organized an emergency exercise in Lanshan Port. In terms of the numbers of personnel involved and the affected area, this was one of the largest exercises held in Shandong Province, China. Vopak terminal staff performed well and the exercise also provided them with some valuable experience of working hand in hand with the Fire Bureau Staff.

The direct scenario involved the Vopak Terminal, but other terminals in the Port of Lanshan were also part of the major exercise. This entailed the police closing off the entire Port area for the duration of the exercise.

The scenario started with a vapour emission from an ACN tank, leading to an ignition source and fire. 50 fire appliances and 268 firemen attended the exercise from 6 cities in Shandong Province and observers attended from 17 cities. Medical facilities and decontamination centres were set up in safe areas, including a mobile control room. It was also arranged that there would be 'casualties' to test the response time taken by the medical teams.

Vopak Operations and the fire teams involved, worked directly with the emergency services.

A month later, the exercise was repeated so that the Government Representatives from Jinan (capital city of Shandong) could attend, using the same scenario but this time, there were 60 appliances and 300 firemen attending plus observers from 30 cities.

On both occasions, the exercises were deemed by the Government to be a success. They gave the Fire Bureaus from 6 cities the unique experience of working together on a chemical terminal exercise. However, the actual exercises were only a success because of the planning and pre-practicing with the Fire Bureau that had been undertaken.



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