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Dear Colleague

## **Consultation on a draft revision to Chapter 2 (Co-operation) of *Emergency Preparedness*, the guidance on Part 1 of the Civil Contingencies Act 2004**

As part of the Civil Contingencies Act Enhancement Programme we have undertaken a project to identify ways to achieve better engagement and collaborative working between responders to support them in fulfilling their duties under the *Civil Contingencies Act 2004* (CCA). This project formed part of Phase 1 of the programme which focused on improving the standard and consistency in the way the existing legislative framework was implemented.

Part 1 of the CCA places a duty on all responders to co-operate with each other to support category 1 responders in fulfilling their duties, and the *Civil Contingencies Act 2004 (Contingency Planning) Regulations 2005* establish the Local Resilience Forum as the principal mechanism for organising multi-agency resilience work. Through engaging with a range of stakeholders, we identified opportunities to improve Chapter 2 (Co-operation) of the existing statutory guidance, *Emergency Preparedness*, and have produced a draft revision for consultation.

The consultation paper is published on the UK Resilience website, [www.cabinet-office.gov.uk/ukresilience](http://www.cabinet-office.gov.uk/ukresilience) and we welcome your views and those of any other interested organisations. A separate response form accompanies the paper (Annex A). Please complete this form when responding to the consultation and send to: [ccact@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ccact@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk) marking your response with 'CCAEP Co-operation Consultation' in the subject field of your email. Please respond by **Friday 19 February 2010**.

Please note that the public may ask for a copy of responses under freedom of information legislation. If you do not want your response - including your name, contact details and any other personal information - to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing and explain your reasons when you send your response to the consultation. We will, however, work within relevant legislation on data protection. The automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your e-mail system will not count as a confidentiality request for responses to this consultation. We will provide a summary of all responses, which will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people's personal names, addresses or other contact details.



The results of this formal consultation will inform the final revised version of Chapter 2 (Co-operation) of *Emergency Preparedness* which we hope to publish in Spring 2010. It will also inform further work in Phase 2 of the Civil Contingencies Act Enhancement Programme, which will consider whether there is a need to make changes to the CCA or its associated Regulations in order to improve engagement and collaborative working between responders.

In early January 2010 we will be launching consultations on a revised draft to Chapter 3 (Information Sharing) of *Emergency Preparedness* and draft interim guidance on the CCA fit with other civil protection legislation.

For further information, please contact the Civil Contingencies Act Enhancement Programme team on 0207 217 5017 or e-mail [ccact@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ccact@cabinet-office.x.gsi.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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