

*Doug Russell (left) and Oscar Koren were the two AES Training Branch officials responsible for organizing the first AES workshop on environmental emergencies. (Photo: Bill Kiely)*

About 50 people representing half a dozen organizations across Canada attended the first AES workshop on Environmental Emergencies, held at the Downsview Auditorium December 1-2 last.

Although every kind of emergency situation was covered in the seminars – from meteorological hazards to nuclear war, two themes dominated: the need for effective, comprehensive contingency plans to ensure timely response to environmental emergencies and the need to clarify procedures for providing information to the public during emergencies.

Opening speaker was Jim McCulloch, director general, Field Services Directorate. Other speakers (with their topics in parenthesis) included Stuart White, director general, Plans, Emergency Planning Canada (The Nature of Emergencies); Bob Beach, manager, National Environmental Emergency Centre (Responsibilities, of the Environmental Emergency Branch of EPS); Brian O'Donnell, Program Development & Evaluation Branch (The Role of AES in Emergency Situations); Walter Lawrynuik, supt. General Weather Services, Ontario Region (Capabilities of AES Region and Headquarters to respond to Environmental Emergencies); Al Kellie, head, Automation, Canadian Meteorological Centre (CMC and Environmental Emergencies); Dr. Alistair Christie, deputy director, Air Quality and Inter-

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Environmental Research (ARQD's Role in Environmental Emergencies); Dr. S. Venkatesh, Forecast Research Division, (A Numerical Model for Predicting Movement of Oil Slicks); Dr. Ernest Letouneau, director, Radiation Protection Bureau, Health & Welfare Canada (Nuclear Emergencies in Canada); Mike Newark, shift supervisor, Ontario Weather Centre (Meteorological Hazards); Dr. John Reid, Air Quality and Inter-Environmental Research Branch (Mini-computer Programs for Environmental Emergencies Use: also Heavy Gas Dispersion); Ken Reeves, Emergency Planning coordinator, Government of Ontario (Provincial Role in

Emergency Planning); Av Mann, chief, Scientific Services, AES Western Region (Environmental Emergencies in Arctic Canada); John Cameron, director of communications, DOE Information Directorate (Authority and Responsibility Concerning Information).

Participants at the workshop included representatives from AES Headquarters, AES Regions, the Environmental Protection Service, Emergency Planning, Canada, Ontario Hydro and the Ontario Solicitor General's office. Coordinator of the Workshop, sponsored by AES Training Branch, was Oscar Koren, and his assistant was Doug Russell.

Regional follow-up workshops are planned for the first half of 1982. Copies of the December proceedings are available in English and French from AES Training Branch, (416) 667-4877.

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