



Breakout Session II

Healthcare Respiratory Protection Programs: Effective Strategies and Continuing Challenges

A collaboration between The Joint Commission, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), and the National Personal Protection Technology Laboratory (NPPTL)

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▶ **CDC / NIOSH**

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▶ **Eight member Technical Expert Panel**

Technical Expert Panel Members

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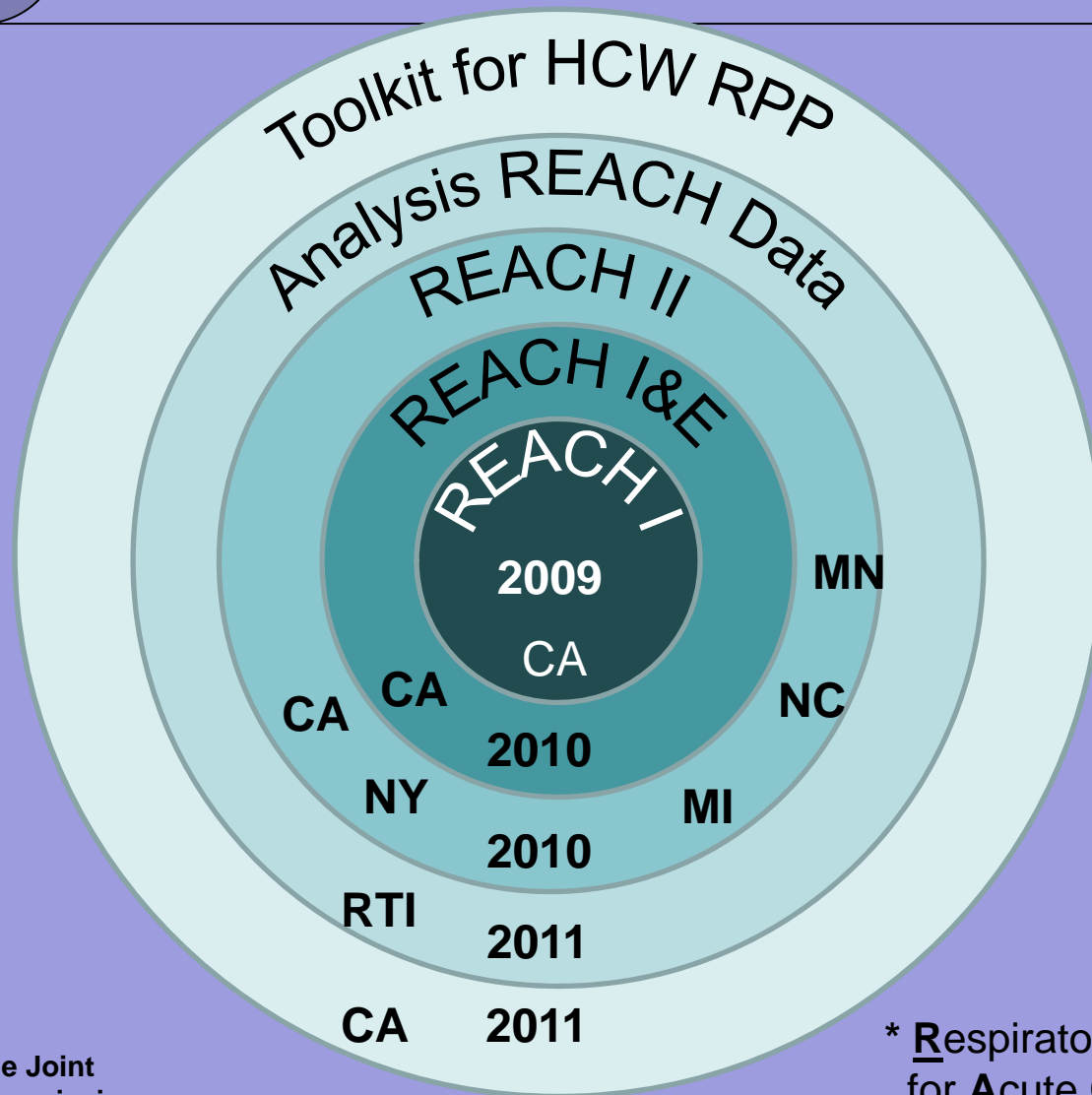
Objectives

1. To provide participants with an overview of the CDC/NIOSH/Joint Commission RPP project to develop an educational monograph.
2. To identify innovative and effective strategies and practices to strengthen healthcare respiratory protection programs
3. To identify challenges associated with the implementation of respiratory protection programs

Proposed monograph goals

- ▶ Ultimate goal
 - To help healthcare organizations prevent worker and patient exposures to hazardous agents
- ▶ Project goal
 - To develop a free educational monograph of effective practices, tools and resources to help hospitals improve their respiratory protection programs
- ▶ Scope
 - Target audience hospitals (including critical access, specialty and long term care acute care facilities)

Monograph Best Practices RPP



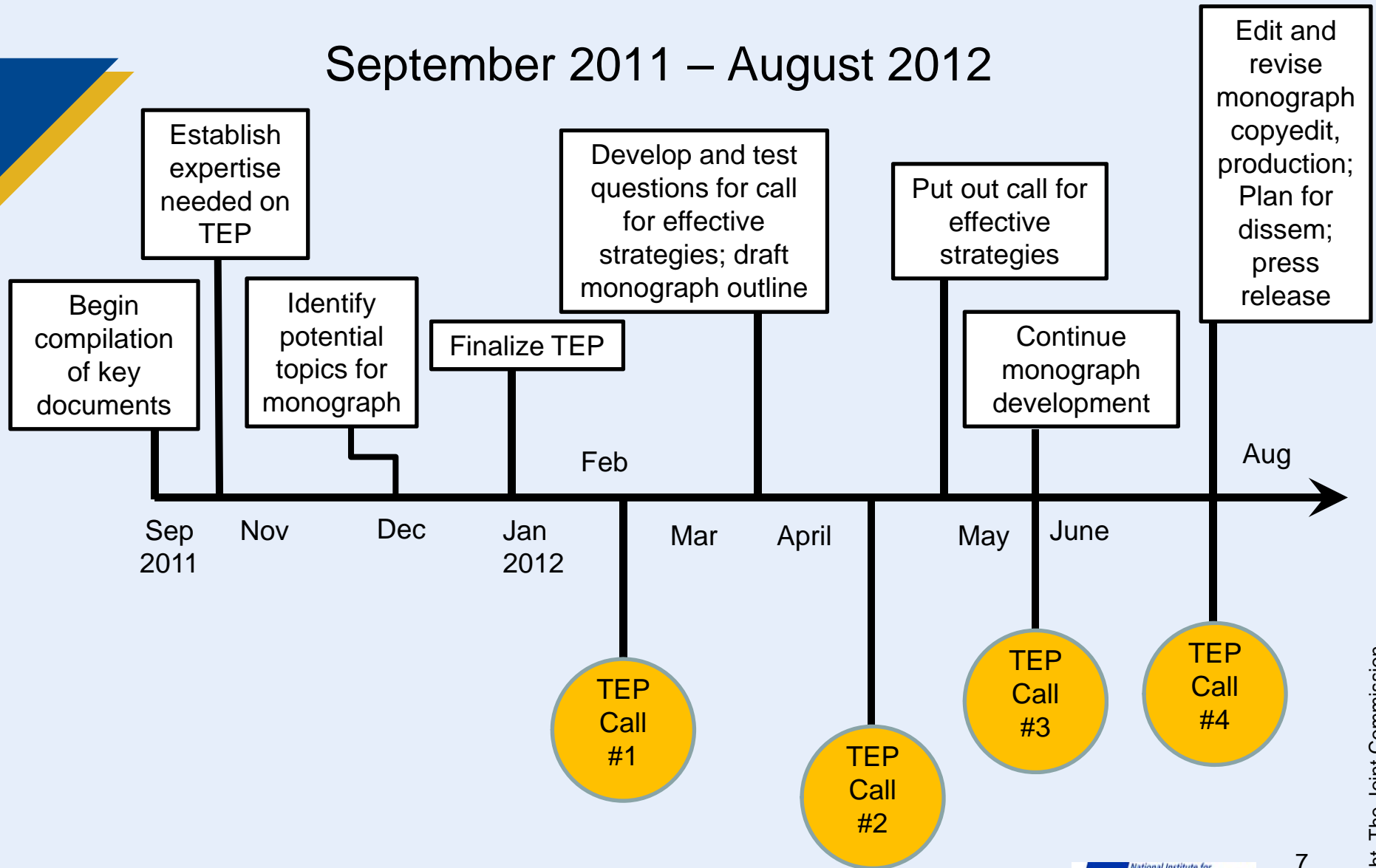
The Joint Commission

* Respirator Evaluation for Acute Care Hospitals



Timeline

September 2011 – August 2012



Small Group Exercise

- ▶ Break out into small groups
- ▶ Facilitator will guide each session
- ▶ Identify a presenter and a scribe
- ▶ Record responses
- ▶ Report back to large group

Responses Inform Request for Examples

▶ Joint Commission dissemination vehicles

- ▶ Email blast through Joint Commission On-Line service
- ▶ List-serves of accredited hospitals and critical access hospitals

▶ Additional organizations to target:

- ▶ AOHP, AAOHN, ACOEM, APIC, SHEA; post in OSHA newsletter; REACH organizations – CA hospitals, contacts in other regions

▶ Others? Recommendations and contacts

Questions and Answers

- ▶ National call for examples (*TBD*)
- ▶ Interested in receiving call for examples and ongoing project information?
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