

This is the **Third Bulletin** of the Business Continuity Forum. The main business continuity item of information designed to help you with your planning this month is the recent Fuel Crisis resulting from the tanker drivers' strike, we hope you find it useful.

We look forward to seeing you all at our next Forum event on the 8th October.

The last Forum event was...

The Role Of The Emergency Services And Utilities In A Business Continuity Incident

For a summary and full detail of the presentations, go to our website...

www.suffolkresilience.com

Fuel has not only become a key issue for businesses because of recent price rises, but also because of the threat of supply failure due to tanker drivers' strikes.

If you didn't know what the contingency arrangements were, we are not surprised! There is a National Emergency Plan For Fuel, but it is very hard to find. There is also a Suffolk Fuel Plan, but that's hard to find too. Why? Because they are not published!

So, here are some key points. In the event of a fuel crisis...



1. The Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform (BERR) has overall control of both national fuel supply and distribution.
2. Designated Filling Stations will be identified across the county for controlled access to fuel.
3. Only certain logoed vehicles will have access to DFSs, such as Emergency Services and utilities.
4. The Suffolk Resilience Forum can grant special temporary logos for certain life-critical services.

5. The maintenance of bulk supply deliveries to all sectors (such as truck stops) will be a high priority for the government.
6. Rationing may be introduced in a prolonged fuel crisis, 15 litres per visit at normal filling stations, 150 litres at truck stops.
7. Supplies for public transport will be maintained.
8. There will be national and local communications plans to keep businesses informed.

The Department for Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform: www.berr.gov.uk

The Forum's Next Workshops

Business Continuity Planning For A Flu Pandemic

Half Day Workshop, 8th October 2008, 09.30 hrs
Any volunteers to host this workshop?

This will cover the key business continuity issues related to the likely loss of staff associated with an anticipated flu pandemic.

Speakers to be provided by the NHS PCT.

Communicating in a crisis and how to handle the media.

Date and venue to be confirmed

The objectives of this workshop are to; exchange good practice in how we communicate in a crisis and to learn from a media expert how to handle those awkward questions.

We are still looking for a forum member to host these workshops, please call us...

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