



HOMELAND DEFENSE EQUIPMENT REUSE (HDER) PROGRAM BULLETIN No. 13 February 2004

Welcome to the HDER Program Bulletin - an eNewsletter from the HDER Program. Every month we will deliver the latest news and updates on HDER related issues. Please email us your feedback and suggestions for future content.

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NEWS

HDER Program Developments

- FY 2004 first quarter deliveries have been made to Washington, West Virginia, and California.

HPS Volunteer Training at the Augusta Midyear Topical Meeting

The HDER Program will again be part of this year's HPS Midyear Topical Meeting. The HDER Program will be holding an HPS Volunteer Training Session on Wednesday, February 11th from 4pm to 6:30pm. The purpose of this training session is to introduce HPS volunteers to the program and to educate HPS chapter members on their role in supporting the state and local responders. Members of HPS who are interested in supporting the HDER Program, but have not yet attended a previous training session, are encouraged to attend.

For more information on the HPS Midyear Topical meeting, please visit <http://hps.org/newsandevents/meetings/>.

Local HPS Chapter Activities in Support of Homeland Defense

Contributions detailing the activities local HPS chapters have engaged in to support to the HDER Program specifically and homeland security in general are welcome. Please e-mail your contribution to ASKCSD@ojp.usdoj.gov with the subject line "HDER Newsletter."

Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc.

Below please find additional information about the CRCPD, which graciously donated CRCPD directories in support of the HDER Program.

The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. (CRCPD) is the national organization for state employees and other professionals who have responsibility for and interest in radiation protection regulations and policies. As you improve your planning, preparation, and exercising for response to radiological terrorism, it is beneficial to partner with your state radiation control staff to ensure the development of successful partnerships to enhance homeland security. If you have questions about use or

calibration of radiation detection instruments obtained through the HDER project, you may obtain assistance from professionals within state government in addition to the Health Physics Society contacts. CRCPD maintains a formal liaison with the Health Physics Society, and many of our members belong to both organizations.

Public health and safety are state and local responsibilities. State and local responders arrive first at incident scenes and are the last to leave. Because of this fact, CRCPD partners with federal agencies (including DHS) to ensure state concerns are raised and addressed. More information about CRCPD (including your state radiation control program contacts) may be found at www.crcpd.org or by contacting the Executive Director (Ron Fraass at rfraass@crcpd.org). If your responsibilities include protecting your citizens from radiological terrorism, please consider joining CRCPD (www.crcpd.org/membership.asp).

Your state radiation control staff may be in the health department, environmental protection agency, or split across agencies. CRCPD publishes and sells an annual Directory of Personnel Responsible for Radiological Health Programs to assist its members and other radiation protection professionals to maintain contact with each other. CRCPD members are kept updated with changes to the Directory through a bimonthly publication: the Newsbrief. CRCPD provided the HDER Program with complimentary copies of the 2003 Directory because we recognized the importance of your partnership with state radiation control agencies. The 2004 Directory is available for order at: (www.crcpd.org/publications.asp).

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

February 2004

- The Health Physics Society (HPS) Midyear Topical Meeting will be held in Augusta, GA during the week of February 8th. The HDER Program is offering a HDER HPS volunteer training session at the conference on Wednesday, February 11th from 4pm to 6:30pm. For more information, visit the Health Physics Society website at <http://hps.org/newsandevents/meetings/>.

March 2004

- The last day for ordering from the FY 2004 Second Quarter inventory is March 22, 2004. After this date, states will not be able to place services requests via the HDER Services Management Tool again until April 1, 2004. This is necessary to allow equipment requests placed during the fiscal quarter to be finalized.

HDER PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions about the HDER Program and requests for additional information may be directed to the ODP Helpline at 1-800-368-6498 or via e-mail at ASKCSD@ojp.usdoj.gov.

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