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SUBJECT: Training and Technical Assistance

In partnership with the United States Army's Pine Bluff Arsenal (PBA), the Department of Defense's center of expertise for chemical and biological defensive equipment production and support, the Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) has established a comprehensive, national equipment technical assistance program for emergency responders.

The Domestic Preparedness Equipment Technical Assistance Program (DPETAP) assists responders to better select, operate, and maintain their radiological, chemical and biological detection and response equipment by providing detailed technical information and hands-on equipment operations and maintenance training.

DPETAP mobile Technical Assistance Teams provide, at no cost to the jurisdiction, on-site technical assistance and training to assist emergency response personnel in the operation and maintenance of their domestic preparedness detection equipment.

This program is offered to any jurisdiction which has received funding from the Office for Justice Programs to purchase domestic preparedness equipment. For more information regarding DPETAP see the attached ODP Fact sheet, or you may call the DPETAP Helpline at 1-800-232-5741. The Helpline is staffed Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm CST and is available to answer questions regarding equipment costs, operational capabilities of equipment, and repair and maintenance of detection equipment.

Attachment