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HDER EQUIPMENT UPDATE: FIRST QUARTER 2005

The HDER program, jointly sponsored by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) and the Department of Energy, provides excess radiological instrumentation and other equipment to first responders nationwide. This quarter, the program received equipment orders from the following states: Tennessee, New Mexico, California, Georgia, West Virginia, Minnesota, Colorado, Maryland, Washington, Indiana, Nebraska, and North Dakota.

UPCOMING HDER DINNER AND TRAINING

Based on the outstanding turnout at the HPS annual meeting in July in Washington, DC, ODP will once again host a training session for HPS local chapter volunteers on the HDER Program at the HPS Midyear Topical Meeting in New Orleans, LA in February, 2005. As part of this program, a complimentary dinner will be provided by HPS. HPS volunteers are currently providing technical support nationwide to emergency responder agencies, and ODP is seeking more volunteers interested in assisting first responders in the use and maintenance of the radiological detection equipment being provided through HDER.

TENNESSEE HIGHWAY PATROL ACQUIRES 598 HDER G-01 DETECTORS

The State of Tennessee is currently utilizing the HDER program to outfit each of its State Highway Patrol cruisers with radiation detection capabilities. To that end, Tennessee has ordered 598 HDER G-01 Beta/Gamma radiation detectors over the last two quarters. Tennessee will continue to order HDER G-01s until they have reached the 1,000 required to fill their need. If you would like more information about how Tennessee is utilizing equipment obtained through HDER, please contact the Tennessee HDER Point of Contact, Eddie Boatwright, at 615-741-2926.

HDER Ad Hoc Advisory Committee Meeting

On November 4th, 2004, the HDER Ad Hoc Advisory Committee met in Washington, DC at the Office for Domestic Preparedness. The advisory committee is comprised of representatives from the Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the National Council on Radiation Protection (NCRP), the Department of Energy's Office of Energy Assurance (DOE/EA), the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Office of Radiation and Indoor Air, the Health Physics Society (HPS) and the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc (CRCPD). The committee serves to review current operating practices of the HDER program and to provide guidance and direction for future development of the program.

A number of areas were identified as key opportunities for growing the HDER program and providing additional equipment and resources for first responders. During FY 2005, the HDER program is planning to: (1) expand the type of equipment offered beyond radiation detection instrumentation and personal protective equipment (PPE); (2) collaborate with other Federal partners to identify additional excess equipment inventories; (3) work more closely with HPS Chapters to support first responders and their needs for training and equipment support; and, (4) expand equipment availability directly to select urban areas that are part of the ODP Urban Areas Security Initiative.

HDER Program Review

On November 9th, 2004, the HDER program partners held a program review meeting in Washington, DC at the Office for Domestic Preparedness. Representatives from the Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP), Department of Energy (DOE), Health Physics Society (HPS) and the Domestic Preparedness Equipment Technical Assistance Program (DPETAP) attended the meeting. The semi-annual program review meetings serve to bring together representatives from the working components of HDER to discuss current activities and future program initiatives.

The DOE component to the HDER program, which is responsible for receiving, refurbishing and shipping excess equipment to the states, reported that nearly 11,000 units of equipment, valued at almost \$4.1 million dollars, was shipped to twenty-three (23) states and territories in 2004. General Physics has conducted seventeen (17) HDER or Advanced Radiation Detection courses during FY 2004. To date, twelve (12) states have HPS Chapters active in the program, of which nine (9) have requested technical assistance.

HDER Services Management Tool: Equipment Requisition Reminder

There are three very important points to remember when using the HDER Services Management Tool (SMT) to place an equipment order:

1. The HDER SMT allows you to place orders for multiple jurisdictions by using the dropdown list provided within the tool.
2. State points of contact (POC) need to include end user (local) contact information in

the “justification” text box on their services requests. This information will enable the Health Physics Society (HPS) local chapter members to provide services to the recipients of the HDER equipment.

3. Use the “request equipment” button ***before*** submitting the request to ODP, otherwise the total order will appear blank upon receipt at ODP.

EXPANSION OF HDER PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE URBAN AREA SECURITY INITIATIVE (UASI)

The HDER program is currently in the process of expanding the program to cities that are part of the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) Program. The program is targeting January 2005 for establishing UASI HDER POCs that will be able to directly place orders using the ODP Secure Portal for radiological detection equipment to support UASI first responders. The January newsletter will provide more details on this development.

SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS

December 2004

- Happy Holidays!

January 2005

- New 2nd Quarter 2005 equipment inventory made available to SAA POC (January 1)
- UASI Advanced Rad to be delivered in Hialeah, FL (January 12-19)
- Expansion of HDER program into the UASI cities

February 2005

- HDER Training course to be delivered in Stillwater, OK (February 3-13)
- HDER Training course to be delivered in College Park, GA (February 17-27)
- HDER Training course to be delivered in Lawton, OK (February 28- March 11)
- HPS Midyear Topical Meeting, New Orleans, LA (February 13-16, 2004)

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