



## **HOMELAND DEFENSE EQUIPMENT REUSE (HDER) PROGRAM BULLETIN No. 22 December 2004**

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### **HDER EQUIPMENT UPDATE: SECOND 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. The 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter equipment release is scheduled for this Saturday, January 1, 2005. As always, the new equipment list will be made available through the ODP Secure Portal on a first come – first served basis.

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### **UPCOMING HDER / HPS LOCAL CHAPTER VOLUNTEER TRAINING**

Based on the outstanding turnout at the Health Physics Society (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.

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### **THE HPS LOCAL CHAPTER TRAINING MANUAL**

The HPS Local Chapter Training Manual has been revised and will be released in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2005. The manual provides local chapter members and volunteers information about the HDER Program that will assist them in their support of first responders that need radiological technical support assistance. The manual contains: (1) HDER Program Fact Sheets; (2) A HDER Program Overview Briefing; (3) A HDER Services Management Tool User Guide; (4) HPS and State Administrative Agency (SAA) Points of Contact (POC); (5) Equipment Field Check Protocols; and, (6) Refresher Training Materials and Updates. HPS local chapter volunteers can pick up their free copy at the upcoming HPS Midyear Topical Meeting in New Orleans.

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## **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 more effectively 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.

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

This is a reminder that 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.

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## **SCHEDULE OF UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **January 2005**

- New 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2005 equipment inventory made available to SAA POC (January 1)
- UASI Advanced Radiological Training Course 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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