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FY06 Quarter 3 HDER Highlights:

In FY06 Quarter 3, a record 23 States and Urban Areas including Alabama, Buffalo, California, Denver, Idaho, Illinois, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma City, Oregon, Tennessee, Texas, Virgin Islands, Utah, Washington, West Virginia, and Wyoming submitted requests for HDER equipment. The total number of equipment distributed for FY06 Quarter 3 is over 7,000 individual items with an estimated value of \$1,300,000.

The HDER Program is a joint effort between the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the Department of Energy (DOE), the U.S. Navy, the Health Physics Society (HPS), and Helping Our Own (HOO) that provides excess radiological detection instrumentation and other equipment, training, and long-term technical support to emergency responder agencies nationwide to enhance their domestic preparedness capabilities.

New Ordering Timeline

The HDER Program will be instituting a programmatic change in FY 06 Quarter 4. The available equipment list will be released at midnight on the first day of the new quarter (in this case July 1st). However, instead of the normal 12 hour waiting period, the list will remain locked for 5 days. This is to allow for increased distribution and coordination among responders nationwide. If the 5th day falls on a weekend or Federal holiday, ordering will begin at noon on the next business day.

HDER Justification Review Process and Upcoming Equipment

The HDER FY06 Quarter 3 justification review process has been successfully completed. All justifications for Critically Limited Equipment that were submitted by HDER State and/or Urban Area POCs before the given deadline of 45 days into FY06 Quarter 3 (May 15) were submitted to a review board made up of members from the first responder community. Each application was ranked based on the answers provided by the jurisdictions, and final decisions were made by the Department of Energy, the Department of Homeland Security, and Helping Our Own based upon the recommendations of the review board.

With the increased demand for Critically Limited Equipment, it is very important to provide detailed answers when submitting requests.

Equipment requiring justification in FY06 Quarter 4 will include two fire apparatus', a drive-through radiation portal monitor, and a high expansion foam unit. To see the complete list of available equipment and the justification questions for Critically Limited Equipment, please visit the HDER Services Management Tool or visit the HDER page on the Responder Knowledge Base.

HDER Technical Support Developments

The HDER Program Management Team will be meeting with members of the Health Physics Society, the Council for Radiation Control Program Directors, and the National Registry of Radiation Protection Technologists at the annual meeting of the Health Physics Society June 26-29, 2006.

At this meeting, pilot States for the revised HDER Technical Support structure will be selected and State volunteer coordinators will be identified.

The HDER Technical Support structure is being enhanced to provide an easy mechanism for Government officials and responders to access the volunteer resources and expertise in the field of radiation, that are available in each State and Territory. In addition to their traditional roles as technical support and follow-on trainers, Health Physicists will be used to augment HDER trainers to better leverage resources by utilizing available volunteer expertise.

HDER Technical Support will continue to be available nationwide, however the new system will not undergo nationwide expansion until 2007.

Schedule of Upcoming Events

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- **Fiscal Year 2006 Quarter 4 Equipment List will be released July 1, 2006**

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