



HOMELAND DEFENSE EQUIPMENT REUSE (HDER) PROGRAM BULLETIN No. 16 May 2004

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HDER PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION

For all questions regarding participation in the HDER Program, training requests, and long-term technical support, please contact the Office for Domestic Preparedness help line at (800) 368-6498 or ASKCSD@ojp.usdoj.gov.

NEWS

HDER Program Developments

- FY 2004 third quarter delivery has been made to Washington, DC.
- Advanced Radiological Survey Techniques Training sessions have been delivered to New York and Mississippi. Upcoming courses have been scheduled for Tulsa, OK and Meridian, MS. HDER Training sessions have also been confirmed for Selma, AL and Peoria, IL.

HPS Annual Meeting: HDER Volunteer Training

All HPS members interested in learning more about the HDER Program and how to support it are invited to attend the next iteration of the HDER HPS Volunteer Training, which will be held during the HPS Annual Meeting this summer (July 11-15) in Washington, D.C. More information about the annual HPS conference is available on the HPS website at: <http://hps.org/newsandevents/meetings/meeting5.html>. Both HPS new to the HDER Program and those already involved are encouraged to attend the session. Additional information will be distributed soon.

Input of End User Information in the HDER Services Management Tool

In order to facilitate the support of the Health Physics Society (HPS), state points of contact are asked to include end user (local) contact information in the "justification" text box on their services requests submitted via the HDER Services Management Tool (SMT). This information will enable HPS local chapter members to more effectively coordinate the provision of HPS services with the recipients of the HDER equipment. HPS volunteers are available to provide initial operability exams of equipment upon delivery, perform field checks and basic maintenance for the equipment, deliver hands-on refresher training, and serve as a local source of expertise for questions regarding the instrumentation.

Statement on the Adoption of New ANSI Standards

The mission of the Homeland Defense Equipment Reuse (HDER) Program is to provide excess radiological detection instrumentation and other equipment, as well as training and technical support, to emergency responder agencies nationwide to immediately enhance their homeland security capabilities. The used, but operable instrumentation provided through HDER constitutes a rapid, short-term solution to the immediate needs of emergency responders for this equipment. With the recent adoption of new standards for radiation detection instrumentation by the Department of Homeland Security, it is envisioned that this new standards-based equipment will ultimately be substituted for HDER equipment as the new equipment becomes more widely available and as state and local budgets allow. In addition, ODP will require that new instrumentation procured with ODP grant funds be compliant with the new standards. However, calibration and maintenance of HDER equipment will also continue to be allowable expenses.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 2004

- Advanced Radiological Survey Techniques Training course to be delivered in Tulsa, OK (May 11-19).

June 2004

- HDER Training course to be delivered in Selma, AL (June 16-26).

July 2004

- HDER HPS Volunteer Training will be held during the HPS Annual Meeting (July 11-15). More information is forthcoming; please look for further details in upcoming issues of the HDER newsletter.
- Advanced Radiological Survey Techniques Training course to be delivered in Meridian, MS (July 20-23).
- Fiscal year 2004 fourth quarter inventory list will be posted on July 1, 2004 and available for ordering at noon EST.

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