Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Consequence Management Advisory Team (CBRN CMAT) Guidance under Development

Wide Area Recovery and Resiliency Program (WARRP): CMAT and National Homeland Security Research Center (NHSRC) co-lead EPA's participation in the WARRP program. WARRP is a Department of Homeland Security (DHS)-led project aimed at developing policies, methods, plans, and utilization of applied technologies to restore large urban areas, critical infrastructures, and Department of Defense (DOD) installations following a wide area biological, chemical, or radiological release. The goal of the project is to reduce the time and resources needed to restore and recover critical infrastructures following the release. EPA participation includes guidance development, gap analysis, and acquisition and development of new technologies.

National Biological Operational Preparedness Group: CMAT leads this group which includes at least one On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) per region as well as representatives from the National Counterterrorism Evidence Response Team (NCERT), Environmental Response Team (ERT), and NHSRC. The goals of the group are to: ensure that operational needs and/or gaps as they relate to biological preparedness are identified, prioritized and filled; ensure compliance with Core National Approach to Response (NAR) CBRN requirements; serve as a vetting group for biological exercises, trainings, and research and development projects – ensuring that resources are focused on OSC priority needs; and ensure execution of the tasks in the BioWatch agreement with DHS. The group is currently developing a National Operational/Tactical Bio Guide.

National Chemical Warfare Agent Operational Preparedness Group: CMAT leads this group which includes at least one OSC per region as well as representatives from ERT and NHSRC. The goals of the group are to: ensure that operational needs and/or gaps as they relate to Chemical Warfare Agent (CWA) preparedness are identified, prioritized and filled; ensure compliance with Core NAR CBRN requirements; and serve as a vetting group for radiation exercises, trainings, and research and development projects – ensuring that resources are focused on OSC priority needs. The group is currently developing a National Operational/Tactical CWA Guide.

National Radiation Operational Preparedness Group: CMAT leads this group which includes at least one OSC per region as well as representatives from the Radiation Emergency Response Team (RERT), ERT, and NHSRC. The goals of the group are to: ensure that operational needs and/or gaps as they relate to radiation preparedness are identified, prioritized and filled; ensure compliance with Core NAR CBRN requirements; and serve as a vetting group for radiation exercises, trainings, and research and development projects – ensuring that resources are focused on OSC priority needs. The group is currently developing a National Operational/Tactical Rad. Guide.