

and interdiction opportunities. Additional analyses will include a baseline survey of the existing radiological and nuclear detection capabilities, a gap and risk assessment, and associated recommendations. Maritime stakeholders will also receive guidance from DNDO on operational protocols, training, and exercises that support small vessel radiation detection capabilities.

PNNL will support development of a Conduct of Operations, technology acquisition, and technology insertion, as well as training. Bill Peterson of PNNL is the Project Manager.

Interconnected EOC Pilot Demonstrated

On August 15, the initial pilot system for the interconnected emergency operations centers (EOCs) was demonstrated in Seattle to emergency response managers from the Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) and the state. The system allows EOCs for various jurisdictions to share and combine geographic information system data and collaborate in adding incident information, providing a common operating picture.

Attendees at the demonstration provided input that the software interface was easy to use and that the system allowed data to be shared quickly and more easily than in current methods. Attendees also recognized that this was a preliminary concept and approach based on prior meetings in the region. Still, regional emergency managers were very pleased with the direction and impact of this initial effort. A more advanced version of the system will be demonstrated in October 2007.



Interconnected EOCs share a common operating picture, speeding the identification and deployment of much-needed response resources.

Northwest Regional Technology Center Launches Website

The Northwest Regional Technology website is now live! The website includes information on the center’s objectives, staff, projects and demonstrations, workshops, and collaborations. Also included is a calendar of events of training, demonstrations, and exercises related to homeland security activities and links to other homeland security agencies at the federal, state, and local levels. For more information, see <http://nwrtec.pnl.gov/>.

Upcoming Events

September 28, 2007

IBRD Joint Civilian and Military Workshop
Seattle

October 15 - 17

Top Officials (TOPOFF) Full-Scale Exercise 4
Oregon Metro Area

October 29 – November 3

Washington State Annual Bioterrorism Exercise (WASABE) IX
Spokane and Washington State Homeland Security Region 9

Late October or early November

RTI Demonstration on the Interconnected EOC
Seattle

Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Operated by Battelle for the U.S. Department of Energy

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