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### **U.S. DECLARES PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY IN WAKE OF SWINE FLU**

FOXNews.com  
April 26, 2009

"Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said 25 percent of the stockpile for the swine flu anti-viral medication has been released as the U.S. declares a public health emergency.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has identified the strain of swine flu and is prepared to distribute a quarter of the U.S. stockpile of 50 million doses of anti-viral medications in places around the country where swine flu has been located or may be expected to spread, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said in a briefing at the White House.

Travel advisories have not been issued by the State Department, Napolitano said, nor is the United States going to screen passengers on flights arriving from Mexico. She said funds have been freed up in case a larger response is needed."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/first100days/2009/04/26/napolitano-cdc-hold-joint-news-conference-swine-flu/>

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## **LIFE SENTENCE UPHELD FOR EX-AUM DRIVER IN 1995 GASSING**

JapanToday  
April 22, 2009

“The Supreme Court has rejected an appeal by a former Aum Shinrikyo cult member against a life sentence on murder charges for his involvement as a driver in the deadly 1995 sarin nerve gas attack on the Tokyo subway system, judicial sources said Tuesday.

Shigeo Sugimoto, 49, drove Yasuo Hayashi, 51, another Aum member, to one of the sites of the sarin attack on March 20, 1995, which resulted in the deaths of 12 people and injuries of thousands, according to lower court rulings upheld by the top court’s No. 2 petty bench. Sugimoto was also convicted of conspiring with Aum Shinrikyo founder Shoko Asahara, 54, and other Aum members to kill two Aum followers in January and July 1994.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.japantoday.com/category/crime/view/life-sentence-upheld-for-ex-aum-driver-in-1995-gassing>

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## **WEAK U.N. NUCLEAR WATCHDOG "ERODING NON-PROLIFERATION"**

By Mark Heinrich  
Reuters  
April 27, 2009

“The U.N. nuclear watchdog has failed to use all its powers or to beef them up if inspectors are obstructed, leaving the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) in tatters, a former top agency official says.”

“The (nuclear) non-proliferation regime is increasingly challenged by states that exploit ambiguity in rules and rifts in the international community to pursue nuclear weapons capabilities without fear of reprisal,” said Pierre Goldschmidt, who was global head of IAEA inspections in 1999-2005.

“Lax and inconsistent compliance practices threaten non-proliferation efforts by giving some states more leeway for evading rules than should be tolerable in an effective non-proliferation regime,” he wrote in a paper for the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace think-tank.

Goldschmidt said the IAEA was not fully applying the verification authority it already had. Moreover, he said, its 35-nation governing body could not agree on how to beef up such powers when obstructed by states under investigation.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.reuters.com/article/worldNews/idUSTRE53Q1Y620090427>

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## **SANTA CLARITA STUDENTS SICKENED BY TAINTED WATER**

Los Angeles News  
April 24, 2009

“Los Angeles County fire inspector Steve Zermeno said that at 12:45 p.m., school officials reported that 12 students were complaining of headaches, nausea and dizziness after consuming Aquafina water from a vending machine that appeared to contain a “bleach-like substance.”

The students were taken to a hospital and released.

Jeff Dahncke, spokesman for The Pepsi Bottling Group, which manufactures Aquafina, said there was no evidence that the contamination was caused by the company's manufacturing process and the company believes it was an isolated incident.”

The full article can be found at: <http://cbs2.com/local/FBI.tainted.la.2.993346.html>  
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## ***Chem-Demil News***

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### **ANNISTON CHEMICAL AGENT DISPOSAL FACILITY - ALABAMA CW DISPOSAL SITE MIGHT NEED \$40M ADDITION**

Global Security Newswire  
April 23, 2009

“The Anniston Chemical Agent Disposal Facility in Alabama is likely to require new technology priced at up to \$40 million to safely destroy decaying weapons filled with mustard blister agent.”

“A detonation chamber would be used to eliminate roughly 2 percent of the mustard weapons stored at the Anniston Army Depot. The alternative would be to require workers to manually remove explosives from the unstable munitions, said ANCDF site program manager Tim Garrett.”

The full article can be found at: [http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw\\_20090423\\_1283.php](http://gsn.nti.org/gsn/nw_20090423_1283.php)  
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