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CB Daily Report

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FORT DETRICK LAB PASSES NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

By Adam Behsudi
FrederickNewsPost.com
August 13, 2009

"Inspectors from a national organization gave their stamp of approval to the clinical pathology lab at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases.

The Fort Detrick lab received accreditation from the College of American Pathologists.

USAMRIID spokeswoman Caree Vander Linden said the lab provides support for researchers in the form of immunizations and blood tests.

The lab's rating at Biosafety Level 2 is "comparable to a laboratory in a hospital," Vander Linden said."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.fredericknewspost.com/sections/news/display.htm?StoryID=93820>

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RUSSIA ORDERS NUCLEAR SUBS TO SEEK LOST SHIP

The Brisbane Times
August 14, 2009

"The Russian President, Dmitry Medvedev, has instructed his nation's military to do whatever it takes to trace and, if necessary, recapture a cargo ship that has mysteriously disappeared amid fears pirates

have hijacked it.

Russian warships and nuclear submarines have been scrambled in a search for the Arctic Sea as suspicions mount that it could be carrying arms or drugs.”

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“Before collecting its cargo of sawn timber from the Finnish port of Pietarsaari, the Arctic Sea had been repaired at the Pregol shipyard in Kaliningrad, a Russian enclave notorious for smuggling.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/world/russia-orders-nuclear-sub-to-see-lost-ship-20090813-ejwr.html>

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\$230.7M TO CLARK CONSTRUCTION FOR US ARMY CHEMICAL DEFENSE INSTITUTE

Defense Industry Daily

August 13, 2009

“Clark Construction Group in Bethesda, MD won a \$230.7 million firm-fixed-price contract to construct a 526,255-gross-square-foot replacement facility for the US Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense (USAMRICD) in the Edgewood area of Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.

Supporting structures include medical gas utilities (O₂, CO₂, LN₂, N₂), conventional utilities (water, sewer, gas, central district chilled water, steam), electrical services (including emergency power generation), paving, walks, parking, fencing, storm drainage, communication and information systems, fire protection and alarm systems, and site improvements that include landscaping and new access drives.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.defenseindustrydaily.com/2307M-to-Clark-Construction-for-US-Army-Chemical-Defense-Institute-05705/>

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NORTON PRESSES ARMY CORPS ON DC MUNITIONS CLEANUP

Examiner.com

August 13, 2009

“D.C. Del. Eleanor Holmes Norton is meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers on the discovery of the World War I chemical agent mustard in Washington's Spring Valley neighborhood.

Norton has been pressing the Army Corps to remain in the area near American University until Congress confirms the cleanup is complete. The Corps has left the site twice since 1993, but had to return when more munitions were found.

Norton says the Army Corps has committed to remain until the cleanup is finished. Corps officials thought they were nearing the end of a current excavation when a flask containing traces of the chemical was discovered.

Norton plans to meet with the project commander Thursday.”

The full article can be found at: http://www.examiner.com/a-2166662~Norton_presses_Army_Corps_on_DC_munitions_cleanup.html

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NEW LINE OF DEFENSE FOR FIREFIGHTERS

By Matt Robbins
39Online.com
August 13, 2009

"The anti-cyanide kit was invented during World War I to help troops against chemical warfare. Two years ago, the Houston Fire Department discovered it can also help smoke inhalation victims when one of their own got in trouble.

"When our firefighters pulled him out, just like we would do any citizen of Houston, we began CPR. He was not responding as we were doing CPR, so for the first time in the U.S., we used this cyanide kit on one of our own firefighters," said Trevino."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.39online.com/news/local/kiah-anti-cyanide-kits-story,0,2967891.story>

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