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**CHEMICAL WARFARE LOTION APPROVED FOR EU**  
UPI.com

February 2, 2009

"The European Union has approved U.S. company RSDecon's chemical warfare decontamination lotion for distribution in the 27 EU countries.

RSDecon announced its RSDL chemical warfare agent skin lotion has met the requirements of EU medical authorities and has received the European CE mark. With the EU approval RSDecon's RSDL, a liquid chemical warfare decontaminant used in the counter-terrorism and military markets, can now be distributed across the EU.

RSDecon says its RSDL also recently received approval from Australia by the Therapeutic Goods Administration for distribution in Australia. Additionally the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved the decontaminant lotion."

The full article can be found at: [http://www.upi.com/Security\\_Industry/2009/02/02/Chemical\\_warfare\\_lotion\\_approved\\_for\\_EU/UPI-69871233615605/](http://www.upi.com/Security_Industry/2009/02/02/Chemical_warfare_lotion_approved_for_EU/UPI-69871233615605/)

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## **FLU MAY NOT HAVE KILLED MOST IN 1918 PANDEMIC**

By Maggie Fox

Reuters

February 5, 2009

"Strep infections and not the flu virus itself may have killed most people during the 1918 influenza pandemic, which suggests some of the most dire predictions about a new pandemic may be exaggerated, U.S. researchers said on Thursday.

The findings suggest that amassing antibiotics to fight bacterial infections may be at least as important as stockpiling antiviral drugs to battle flu, they said.

Keith Klugman of Emory University in Atlanta and colleagues looked at what information is available about the 1918 flu pandemic, which killed anywhere between 50 million and 100 million people globally in the space of about 18 months."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.reuters.com/article/healthNews/idUSTRE5146PD20090205>

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## **OBAMA MAY EMBRACE EMIRATES DEAL AS MODEL FOR NUCLEAR AGREEMENTS**

By Indira A.R. Lakshmanan

Bloomberg

February 3, 2009

"In her final days as secretary of state, Condoleezza Rice signed a nuclear-energy accord with a Persian Gulf ally 50 miles from Iran, calling the measure "a powerful and timely model for the world."

President Barack Obama is likely to agree.

The deal with the United Arab Emirates is designed to assist the Arab nation in starting a nuclear-power industry that can't be converted into a weapon-making enterprise. The agreement may help Obama keep his pledge to crack down on the production and smuggling of nuclear materials."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601130&sid=atsBGDBkc.ls>

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## **PORT OF LOS ANGELES PREPARES TO CANCEL ITS CONTROVERSIAL CHINESE X-RAY CONTRACT**

By Jacob Goodwin

Government Security News

February 3, 2009

"Nearly seven months after taking delivery of a mobile X-ray system manufactured in the People's Republic of China, the Port of Los Angeles is on the verge of canceling the controversial contract.

The staff at the port has recommended that the Board of Harbor Commissioners find DULY Research, Inc., the California-based broker who represents the Chinese manufacturer, in default of the terms of the contract, when it next meets on Feb. 5.

"Cancellation of the purchase contract is recommended because after delivery of the mobile scanning unit to the Port of Los Angeles on July 8, 2008, field tests and other research revealed that the manufacturer and vendor failed to meet the requirements of the Purchase Contract," said a staff summary submitted to the board.

The contract created a stir in the media and on Capitol Hill because the manufacturer is Nuotech Company Limited, a Chinese company headquartered in Beijing, whose president happens to be the son of the President of the People's Republic of China."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.gsnmagazine.com/cms/features/news-analysis/1471.html>

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## **DHS TESTING NON-CONTACT VITAL-SIGNS SENSORS**

By Louis Chunovic  
Government Security News  
February 3, 2009

"A Honolulu, HI-based company, Kai Sensors, will provide its non-contact vital-signs sensors, which monitor breathing patterns from a distance, to the Department of Homeland Security.

According to a Kai statement, it and DHS "will be working together in the next few months to integrate Kai Sensors' products into planned Department of Homeland Security projects."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.gsnmagazine.com/cms/features/news-analysis/1467.html>

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## **CONGRESS OPENS SECRETS TO LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS**

By Jim Abrams  
Associated Press on Google News  
February 4, 2009

"Terrorists could be lurking in some American town, but the local sheriff or fire chief might be left in the dark about the threat because he can't easily access information classified by the Feds in Washington.

That scenario could change under legislation passed by the House Tuesday to reduce overclassification of threat information."

"The legislation would require the Homeland Security Department to produce a declassified version of threat information for state and local first responders who don't have the security clearance to view classified material.

The measure would also require portion marking, where certain classified parts of a document might be blacked out but the rest of the information would remain unclassified."

The full article can be found at: [http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gXWjD52LjxBpk5wM6Xf\\_ajkdc8GwD964EAQ00](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5gXWjD52LjxBpk5wM6Xf_ajkdc8GwD964EAQ00)

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## DESERET CHEMICAL DEPOT [DCD] - SUSPICIOUS PACKAGE SHUTS DOWN ADMINISTRATIVE AREA OF DEPOT

US Army Chemical Materials Agency News Release  
February 5, 2009

"Depot workers were evacuated from several buildings in the administrative area of the depot today following the discovery of what appeared to be a suspicious package in a receiving warehouse at Deseret Chemical Depot (DCD). Airmen from the 775th Civil Engineering Squadron, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight, Hill Air Force Base, responded to the warehouse and used a portable x-ray device to examine the package. The contents of the package were later identified as miscellaneous supply parts and conduit. No one was in danger and employees were back to normal operations following the incident."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.cma.army.mil/fndocumentviewer.aspx?docid=003680024>

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