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CB Daily Report

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EPA ADVISOR CALLS FOR BETTER COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT A FUTURE ANTHRAX ATTACK

By Jacob Goodwin
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"The chairman of an Environmental Protection Agency advisory panel on homeland security has written a letter to his superiors strongly urging them to invest time and money into developing a public and "scientifically sound" communications strategy that could be used by incident commanders and others in the event of another anthrax attack.

"The objectives of our enemies include terrorizing the American people, in ways that undermine its faith in its leadership, and undermining our economy, by disrupting our normal patterns of living, working, and trading," wrote Dr. Baruch Fischhoff, chairman of EPA's Homeland Security Advisory Committee, in a letter to the agency's then-administrator, on Nov. 5, 2008."

The full article can be found at: <http://www.gsnmagazine.com/cms/features/news-analysis/1745.html>
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TSA IS PLANNING HAZMAT SECURITY TRAINING FOR TRUCKING INDUSTRY

By Jacob Goodwin
Government Security News
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“TSA is planning to offer approximately 50,000 people in the hazmat trucking and shipping industry security awareness training in a classroom setting, online and via CD-ROMs and DVDs.

"Participants will be able to choose to attend instructor-led training sessions that TSA will conduct at multiple sites in the United States and provide information to the industry through trade associations, conferences, and stakeholder meetings," explained a notice published by TSA in the Federal Register on March 20."

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EXERCISES \$2.0 MILLION OPTION TO FUND CETHROMYCIN DEVELOPMENT

PR Newswire
March 19, 2009

“Advanced Life Sciences Holdings, Inc., a biopharmaceutical company developing cethromycin, a novel once-a-day antibiotic, to treat respiratory tract infections and to combat bioterror threats, announced today that it received notice from the Department of Defense (DoD) that it has exercised its option to award the Company \$2.0 million under the previously announced contract to develop cethromycin as a broad-spectrum medical countermeasure.”

“The contract is funding NDA-enabling studies to evaluate cethromycin's efficacy in combating Category A and B bioterror agents such as *Francisella tularensis* (tularemia), *Yersinia pestis* (plague) and *Burkholderia pseudomallei* (melioidosis). Under the terms of the contract, \$1.8 million of DoD funds were initially available to initiate the studies. The \$2.0 million optional award announced today represents the remaining balance of the \$3.8 million contract.”

The full article can be found at: <http://sev.prnewswire.com/health-care-hospitals/20090319/CG8592619032009-1.html>
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TRACKING NUCLEAR MATERIALS

Government Security News
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“Under the agreement, Trojan Defense will supply its low power solid-state neutron sensor, currently under development, for integration into Hi-G-Tek’s portfolio of RFID seals, locks and readers. Ultimately, this will enable Hi-G-Tek’s customers, including the Department of Defense, to effectively manage their international logistics supply chain, but will also add a needed layer of security to global shipments, according to a Hi-G-Tek statement.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.gsnmagazine.com/cms/features/news-analysis/1738.html>
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CANADA CONTRIBUTES TO MULTILATERAL EFFORT TO PREVENT NUCLEAR TERRORISM

Canada News Centre

March 28, 2009

“The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Foreign Affairs, today announced that Canada will contribute \$4 million to strengthen nuclear security in countries of the former Soviet Union through the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Nuclear Security Fund (NSF). This contribution—Canada’s third to the NSF—will complement the nuclear security improvements made previously.”

“This contribution will fund projects in Russia, Ukraine and other countries in the region to enhance the security of nuclear materials so as to prevent terrorist use of an improvised nuclear device. These projects will also prevent terrorist acquisition of other highly radioactive materials that could be used to construct a radiological dispersal device, or “dirty bomb.” Project initiatives will include the provision of equipment and training to border guards and other personnel to prevent illicit trafficking of dangerous nuclear and other radioactive materials.”

The full article can be found at: <http://news.gc.ca/web/article-eng.do?m=/index&nid=439719>

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CLOSE OUT OF CHEMICAL EVENT AT BLUE GRASS ARMY DEPOT

US Army Chemical Materials Agency News Release

March 26, 2009

“Army officials report the closure of the chemical event stemming from the 2007 leak of the agent GB from a ton container stored at the depot.

Toxic chemical crews working for the Blue Grass Chemical Activity have successfully completed the destruction and disposal of three ton containers which held approximately 160 gallons of the chemical agent.

All wastes generated by the operation have been transported to contractor operated hazardous waste disposal facilities located outside of Kentucky.

The Kentucky Department of Environmental Protection has authorized the disassembly and removal of the temporary treatment facility located at the depot. The Blue Grass Chemical Activity is coordinating this action with other Army agencies.”

The full article can be found at: <http://www.cma.army.mil/fndocumentviewer.aspx?docid=003680367>

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