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**DRILLS, EXERCISES, TRAINING, ETC. PERFORMED AND/OR CONDUCTED FOR  
THE NORTHEAST SUB-AREA CONTINGENCY PLANNING AREA DURING THE  
PERIOD OF MAY 10, 2003 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15, 2003**

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The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) On-Scene Coordinator (OSC) and contractor Tetra Tech EMI (Tetra Tech) attended the Northeast County Counter-Terrorism Task Force quarterly meetings held at Monroe County Public Safety Office in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania on July 16, 2003. The USEPA OSC and contractor Tetra Tech also attended the Northeast County Counter-Terrorism Task Force Fire/HazMat committee monthly meetings held at the Monroe County Public Safety Office in Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania on May 5, June 9, July 28, and August 25, 2003. At the July 28<sup>th</sup> Northeast County Task Force Fire/HazMat committee meeting, USEPA OSC and contractor Tetra Tech prepared and presented a short Power Point Presentation on an EPA Decontamination Training course. This course will be provided for members of the task force in the near future. The above agency's were present to provide support in area planning such as what type of emergency response equipment would be needed, the proper training required to operate the equipment and any other issues that would arise during the task force meetings. This task force had been organized by PEMA several years ago and had met sporadically. It includes 8 of the 11 counties in the Northeast PA IACP Sub-Area: Carbon, Lackawanna, Lehigh, Monroe, Northampton, Pike and Susquehanna. USEPA OSC and Tetra Tech attended several of these meetings throughout 2001, 2002 and 2003. USEPA is committed to attend these meetings and provide assistance.

The USEPA OSC and contractor Tetra Tech attended the East Central County Counter-Terrorism Task Force meeting held at Schuylkill County Emergency Management Agency Office in Pottsville, Pennsylvania on June 26, 2003. This task force includes the remaining 3 counties (Luzerne, Schuylkill and Wyoming Counties) not included in the Northeast task force mentioned above. The USEPA OSC and contractor Tetra Tech coordinated, prepared, and conducted a full-scale, hands-on, field exercise for the East Central Counter-Terrorism Task Force at the Frackville Fire School located in Schuylkill County on May 22, 2003. This full-scale WMD training exercise was designed to focus on how the various agencies handled the initial response and incident assessment. The exercise evaluated the ability of the various agencies to interact and establish a unified ICS as well as their ability to manage joint resources and communicate response activities. The USEPA OSC and contractor Tetra Tech evaluated the use of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and monitoring equipment; overall adherence to the site health and safety plan; the level of site control and security; the effectiveness of containment, clean-up, and decontamination; and the procedures used in record keeping and debriefing.

As per request of the East Central Counter-Terrorism County Task Force Medical Committee, two 16-hour Hazardous Materials Operations Level Training courses were delivered, by the USEPA and contractor Tetra Tech, to local hospitals and EMT's on July 8 through 9, 2003 and July 10 through 11, 2003. The USEPA OSC and contractor Tetra Tech also delivered a 32-hour Hazardous Materials Technician Level Training course and Domestic Preparedness for Hospital Providers Train-the-Trainer course on August 11 through August 15, 2003.

The USEPA and contractor Tetra Tech will continue to attend and provide support for the East Central and Northeast County Counter-Terrorism Task Force meetings that are held on a quarterly and/or monthly basis. The USEPA will provide training to agencies upon request.

On June 26 and July 31, 2003, the USEPA OSC and contractor Tetra Tech attended the PADEP Emergency Response Team monthly meetings at the PADEP Northeast Regional Office located in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. The May PADEP Northeast Regional Office Emergency Response Team monthly meeting was held on May 29, 2003, in conjunction with the Rail Car Awareness and Emergency Response Training class that USEPA OSC and contractor Tetra Tech coordinated in Scranton, Pennsylvania. The USEPA OSC is committed to attending these meetings as available.

USEPA OSC, contractor Tetra Tech, and Canadian Pacific Railway coordinated and presented Rail Car Awareness and Emergency Response Training classes in Scranton, Pennsylvania for the Scranton Fire Department, PADEP Northeast Regional Office Emergency Response Team, and participants within the eleven counties in the Northeast Pennsylvania Sub-Area on May 27 through 30, 2003. This rail car training consisted of a 4-hour classroom lecture on rail car safety, rail car identification, review of DOT placards, and real life scenarios and a 4-hour hands-on training about the intricacies of the locomotive engine, pressure and non-pressure tank cars.

USEPA OSC and contractor Tetra Tech attended the EPA Regional Response Team (RRT) III meeting on May 13 through 16, 2003 in Ocean City, Maryland. During this meeting, a draft copy of the Northeast Pennsylvania Sub-Area Inland Area Contingency Plan was presented by the chairman of the Inland Area Contingency Planning Committee to the members of the RRT III. USEPA OSC presented copies of the Task Summary of TDD activities from July 2002 through May 9, 2003.

USEPA OSC and contractor Tetra Tech coordinated and held a Northeast Pennsylvania Sub-Area Committee meeting at the Monroe County Public Safety Office on June 17, 2003. USEPA OSC provided a presentation on Area Contingency Planning and the roles and responsibilities of a federal USEPA OSC. A draft copy of the Northeast Pennsylvania Sub-Area Inland Area Contingency Plan was distributed to each of the 11 counties for review. USEPA OSC posted a copy of the Northeast Pennsylvania Inland Sub-Area Contingency Plan and the Fish and Wildlife Annexes to the IACP on the Northeast Pennsylvania Sub-Area website.

USEPA OSC and contractor Tetra Tech attended the PEMA quarterly training session on August 13, 2003 at the Ramada Inn business center in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. USEPA OSC conducted a 30 minute presentation on the roles and responsibilities of a USEPA OSC.

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## **FUTURE DRILLS, EXERCISES, TRAINING ETC. FOR THE NORTHEAST SUB-AREA CONTINGENCY PLANNING AREA**

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By request of the East Central County Counter-Terrorism Task Force, the USEPA OSC and contractor Tetra Tech will provide a Hazardous Materials Technician Level Training course for the Tactical Rescue Team on January 31, February 1, 7 & 8, 2004.

The USEPA OSC, contractor Tetra Tech and representatives of the Canadian Pacific Railroad have two more scheduled Rail Car Awareness and Emergency Response Training courses for personnel from the eleven counties within the Northeast Pennsylvania Sub-Area. The classes will take place in Scranton Pennsylvania and will be held on October 4 & 5, 2003. The USEPA OSC and contractor Tetra Tech are currently in the process of providing each of the eleven counties with a "D" size map including the rail line locations within their county. This course will be provided for all 11 counties and, upon request, the paid fire departments within the Northeast Pennsylvania Sub-Area. USEPA OSC and contractor Tetra Tech will continue to work with the local railroad companies to get the remaining counties trained.

The USEPA OSC, contractor Tetra Tech and the Northeast Regional Office PADEP Emergency Response Manager coordinated the second Northeast Pennsylvania Sub-Area Committee meeting to be held at the Monroe County Public Safety Office on October 22, 2003. A meeting announcement is currently being delivered to the federal, state and local agencies, local citizen groups, local industries and all eleven counties in the Northeast Pennsylvania Sub-Area.

Contractor Tetra Tech will attend and provide support for USEPA OSC at the September 16 through September 18, 2003 RRT III meeting in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

USEPA OSC and contractor Tetra Tech will provide support and technical assistance to PEMA during their annual RODEO training session to be held on September 20 and September 21, 2003 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania.

The USEPA OSC and contractor Tetra Tech will develop and present a basic decontamination training class and a mass casualty decontamination training class during Spring 2004.

The USEPA OSC and contractor Tetra Tech will continue their efforts on updating and revising the existing Draft IACP for the Northeast Sub-Area. The USEPA OSC will post the Draft copy of the revised Northeast Pennsylvania Sub-Area IACP on the Northeast Pennsylvania Sub-Area website for review at [www.epaosc.org/nepaiacp](http://www.epaosc.org/nepaiacp).

The USEPA OSC and contractor Tetra Tech will continue their efforts to attend the Northeast County Counter-Terrorism Task Force meetings, the East Central County Counter-Terrorism Task Force meetings, the Northeast Region PADEP Emergency Response Team meetings, and provide training and assistance as available throughout the Northeast Pennsylvania IACP Sub-Area.

