

# REP QUARTERLY

## Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Quarterly Newsletter

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### Message From the Indiana State REP Coordinator

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Summer is coming to an end, and what an exciting time it has been! Venues and vacation spots are getting back to capacity, and I was one of those people taking it all in. My summer began with working security at the Indianapolis 500. I took my first solo trip to Europe, became hazmat operations certified, and took courses at the Postgraduate Naval Academy Center for Defense and Homeland Security in California. This was probably the most significant perk of my summer for professional development. I learned about the future of nuclear energy, strategic thinking in an emergency, crisis communication, and countless other leadership abilities. I cannot recommend their classes enough!

This summer, the IDHS Radiation program began assisting Indiana health coalitions with radiation surge plans. I have been combing through radiation triage documents and CDC videos to help our coalitions build the best plans possible because we win battles in response and wars in preparedness.

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#### REP Resources

[REPP Training Newsletter \(fema.gov\)](#)

[REP Program Information](#)

[REP Manual](#)

[IAEA Nuclear Security e-Learning Modules](#)

[NUREG 0654](#)

### NYC Nuclear Preparedness PSA Video

## Upcoming Trainings

- [E0388 Advanced Public Information Officer Vanderburgh County Oct. 3-7](#)
- [All Hazards Incident Commander \( L-950\)- Porter County Oct. 23-28, 2022](#)
- [All Hazards Operations Section Chief \(L-958\) - Plainfield Sept. 27-30, 2022](#)
- [EMA Orientation Videos](#)
- [Knowledge Check to Get HSEEP Credit](#)

Trainings – For any Rad training requests, please reach out at [ceckstein@dhs.in.gov](mailto:ceckstein@dhs.in.gov). All REP courses can be found on FEMA's website. If you have any specific requests for those trainings, please let me know.

## Support Ending for RadResponder, ChemResponder Mobile Applications



The CBRNResponder mobile application replaced the separate RadResponder and ChemResponder mobile applications in August 2022. However, their separate websites remain. The CBRNResponder Team recommends users download the CBRNResponder application now if you have not



New York City Emergency Management released a new Nuclear Preparedness PSA earlier this summer. The video lists three easy steps to remember if a nuclear emergency were to occur:

- Get inside a building. A car will not work. Close all doors and windows and get as far away from windows as possible.
- Stay inside. Sheltering-in-place is the action of staying or going indoors immediately.
  - Doors, windows and HVAC systems which draw air in from the outside should be closed and shut down. If windows are leaking, taping plastic and sealing the window can be beneficial during plume movement.
  - Once the plume has passed, tape should be removed from windows to allow for better air circulation.
  - Basements provide the most significant protection. If a building does not have a basement, the center of the house/building is the safest.
  - In addition, wash the body and change clothing as soon as possible when coming in from outdoors to keep contamination out of the home. Place clothing in a plastic bag and keep it out of the living space.
  - Pets should be brought indoors, and farm animals should be taken to a barn and put on stored feed and water.
- Listen for updates. Do not leave until told to do so.

These are a great first steps for immediate action plans for the public in the event of a radiological emergency. With the probability and possibility of a nuclear event evolving daily, it is important to be prepared. Everyone is encouraged to review their Public Information plans to ensure they are up-to-date and pushing the correct information as fast as possible.

## Military Dry Contamination in Alaska

begun your organization's transition.

Questions may be sent to [support@cbrnresponder.net](mailto:support@cbrnresponder.net).

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## IDHS Radiation Equipment Notice

IDHS is still developing a plan to have all IDHS radiation equipment calibrated and repaired in accordance with manufacturer standards.

Agencies in need of equipment calibration or repair should email [hazmat@dhs.in.gov](mailto:hazmat@dhs.in.gov) for more information.



In March, United States Marines in CBRN units ran exercises incorporating simulated radioactive particles in Alaska. During this exercise, they successfully tested dry decontamination. Dry

decontamination would be helpful in frigid climates, winter weather and arctic areas. The exercise scenario was a collapse of a hospital due to an earthquake, which caused a release of medical radioisotopes.

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