



Preparedness News and Information

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NATIONAL NEWS

[Businesses Try to Prepare for Disasters](#)

New York Times, April 15, 2004

With the summer fast approaching—and with it severe weather—the business community is taking a new look at disaster preparedness.

[Investigating the Investigators](#)

The Economist, April 14, 2004

The debate continues over the sufficiency of the nation's pre-9/11 preparedness stance.

[US Assesses Impact of Bioterrorism Laws](#)

Food Navigator, April 16, 2004

The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is set to evaluate the impact on foreign firms of its new laws on food imports, designed to protect its food supply from bioterrorism.

[Scientist Remains Mum on Quake Predictions](#)

San Mateo Daily Journal, April 16, 2004

Citing the possibility of "disruptive behavior," a leading scientist on earthquake prediction declined to discuss his team's earthquake predictions.

[FBI Director: Bureau Can Meet Counterterrorism Mission](#)

GovExec.com, April 15, 2004

The FBI Director maintained to the commission investigating the 9/11 terror attacks that his organization was capable of sustaining long-term reform.

CONGRESS

Congress in Recess

STATE AND LOCAL ACTIVITIES

[Department of Health to Provide Emergency Preparedness Tools](#)

Richmond.com, April 12, 2004

The Virginia Governor announced the development of a wallet card created by the Virginia Department of Health that contains helpful tips on emergency preparedness, as well as a place to record personal medical information.

[Drill Tests Emergency Preparedness](#)

The Ironton Tribune, April 15, 2004

Officials from more than 30 agencies and industries recently took part in a chemical scenario designed to test the emergency preparedness of southern Ohio.

[PEMA to Conduct Radiological, Hazardous Materials Responder Training at Fort Indiantown Gap](#)

PR Newswire, April 15, 2004

This weekend, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency is sponsoring a radiological response training session. The training will involve training to practice responses to accidents involving the shipment of spent nuclear fuel, radiopharmaceuticals, radiation terrorism and lost radioactive sources.

[Town Recognized for Emergency Preparedness](#)

Needham Times, April 14, 2004

The Needham Health Department has received national recognition for its emergency preparedness program, in which the department developed a set of criteria for emergency preparedness to help the communities involved meet certain preparedness standards.

[Anti-bioterror Team Coming to Trenton](#)

The Trentonian, April 14, 2004

The city of Trenton announced the establishment of a bioterror team, to include an epidemiologist, health educator, information technology specialist and coordinator for the health alert network.

[Mock Drill Held in Pittsfield](#)

Capital News 9, April 14, 2004

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency tested the preparedness of county and local officials in a mock chemical explosion.

[Giving Preparedness a Corner Office](#)

Newsday.com, April 16, 2004

A Long Island business leader is heading a newly formed chapter of a nonprofit group called the Contingency Planning Exchange, designed to enhance business preparedness.

[State Officials Praise Anti-terrorism Plans Here](#)

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, April 16, 2004

The heads of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and state Office of Homeland Security yesterday praised a regional group of emergency responders as a national model for terrorism preparedness.

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