

Organizations Involved in the Decontamination Effort

Washington DC Processing and Distribution Center Brentwood

This fact sheet is one in a series of fact sheets providing information on the anthrax decontamination activities at the Washington DC Processing and Distribution Center Brentwood.

Since the emergency was declared at Brentwood in October 2001, the following organizations have supplied technical experts and assistance:



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) - supplied experts to perform sampling and analytical activities to identify

the existence and extent of any possible contamination within the Brentwood Facility.



National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) - supplied experts to evaluate sampling methods being used

to identify the extent of contamination.



Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - supplied experts to

act as liaisons during the emergency phase of the response at Brentwood. EPA has also acted in an advisory capacity during post-emergency cleanup activities and preparation activities for chlorine dioxide fumigation of the Brentwood building.



DC Department of Health (DCDOH) - has served as an integral part for the technical and health aspects of this remediation.



Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) - supplied experts to handle all site

worker safety and health issues. OSHA, along with the IT Corporation Site Health and Safety Group, developed the standards and procedures for protecting workers from contact with the anthrax bacterium, both inhalation and dermal.



U. S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine (USACHPPM) -

supplied experts and technical support in developing operating procedures for the anthrax cleanup.



Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute (AFRRI) -

supplied experts in technical support of mail irradiation issues.

In addition, there has been invaluable support rendered by the following groups:

- ¥ U.S. Postal Service Police
- ¥ District of Columbia Fire Department
- ¥ Emergency Medical Services
- ¥ District of Columbia Metropolitan Police