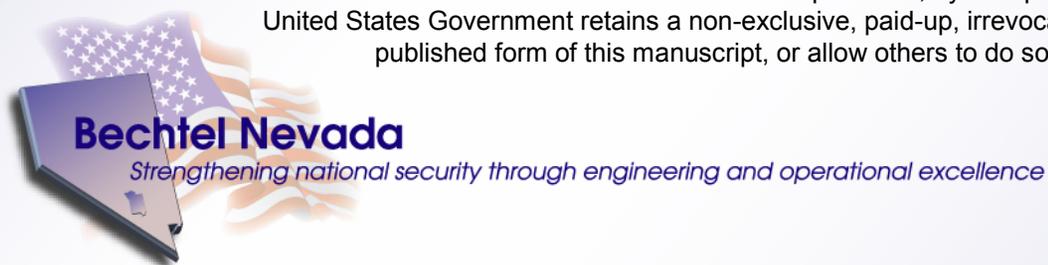


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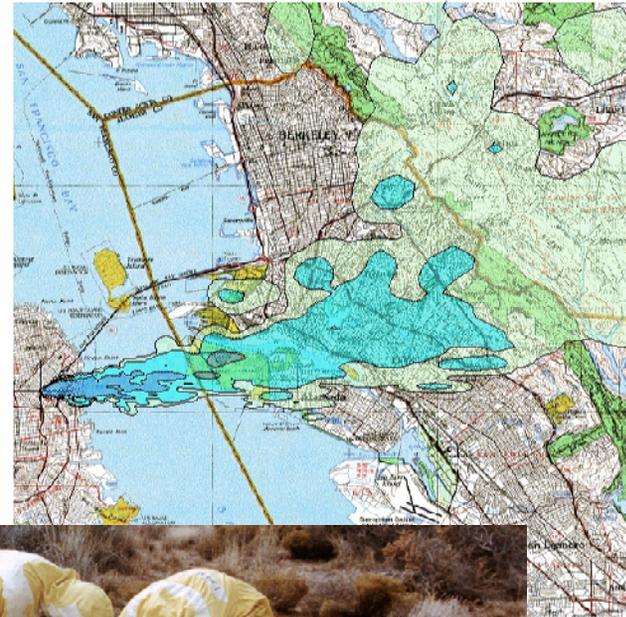
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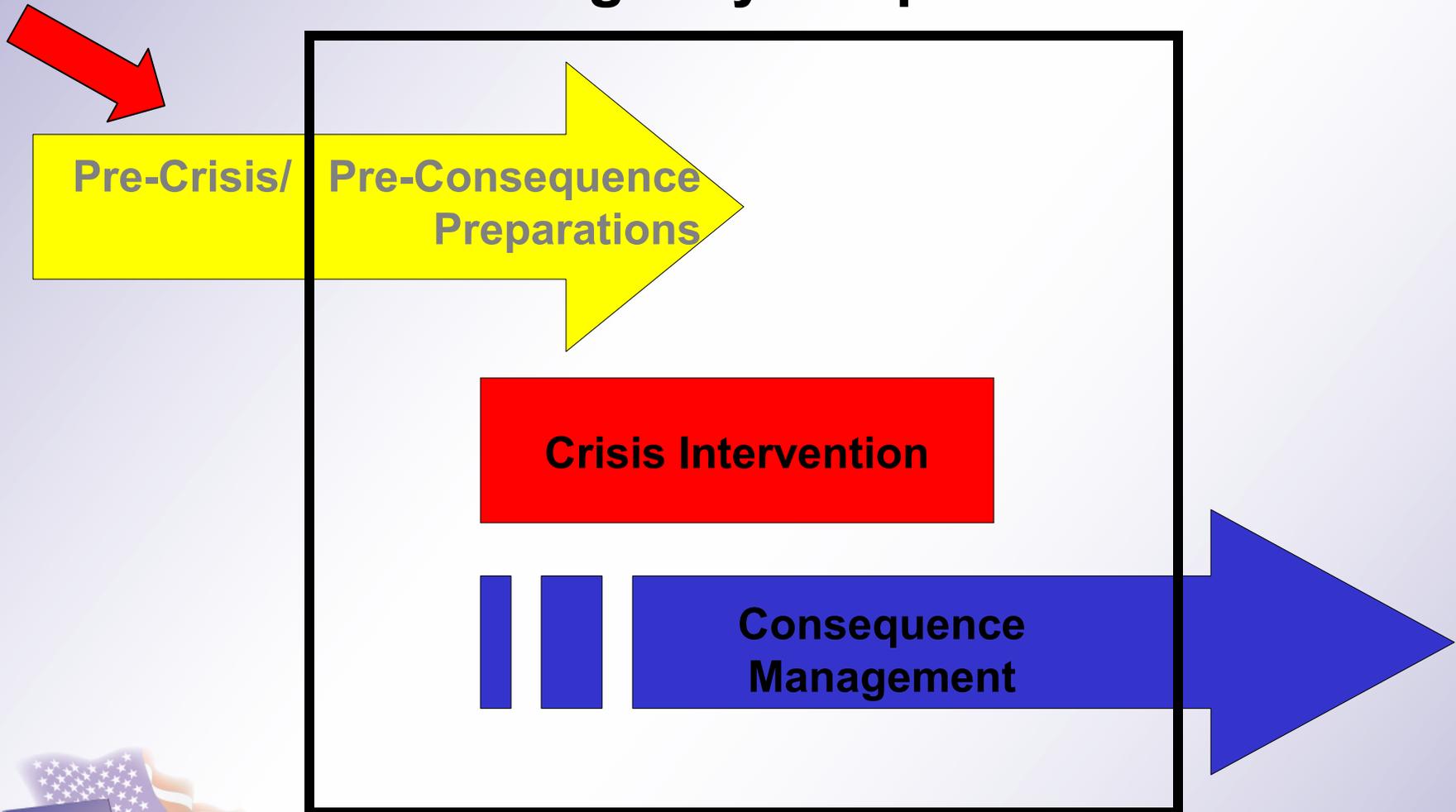


# NNSA

- Unique scientific and technical expertise capable of dealing with nuclear/radioactive events and materials.
- Trained, exercised, specially-equipped teams with pre-packaged equipment to conduct search, render safe, recovery and consequence management operations.



# Emergency Response



# Pre-Crisis/Pre-CM Phase

- Baseline radiological measurements of at-risk facilities.
- Baseline measurements of New York City completed.

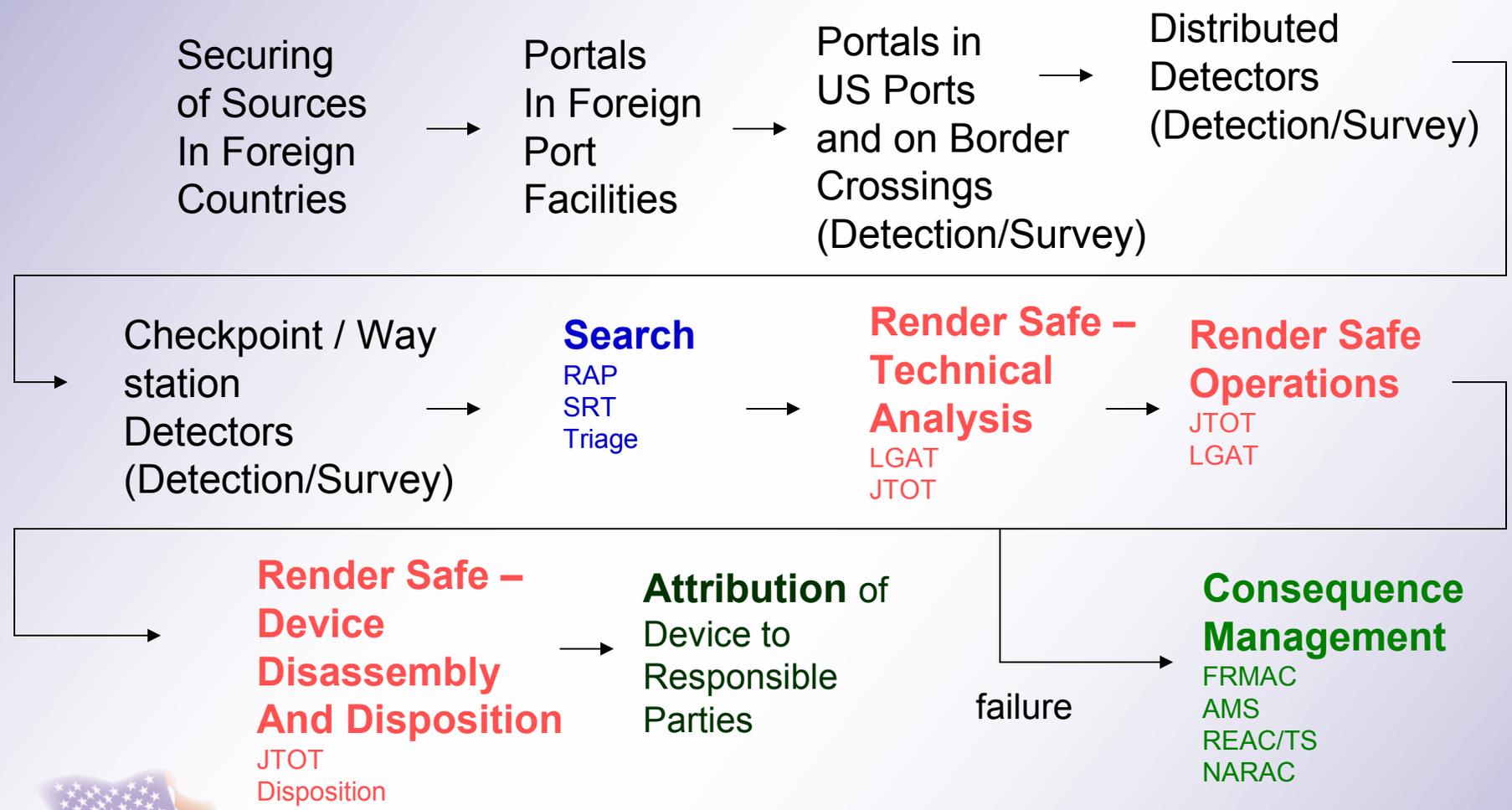


## Pre-Crisis / Pre-CM Phase

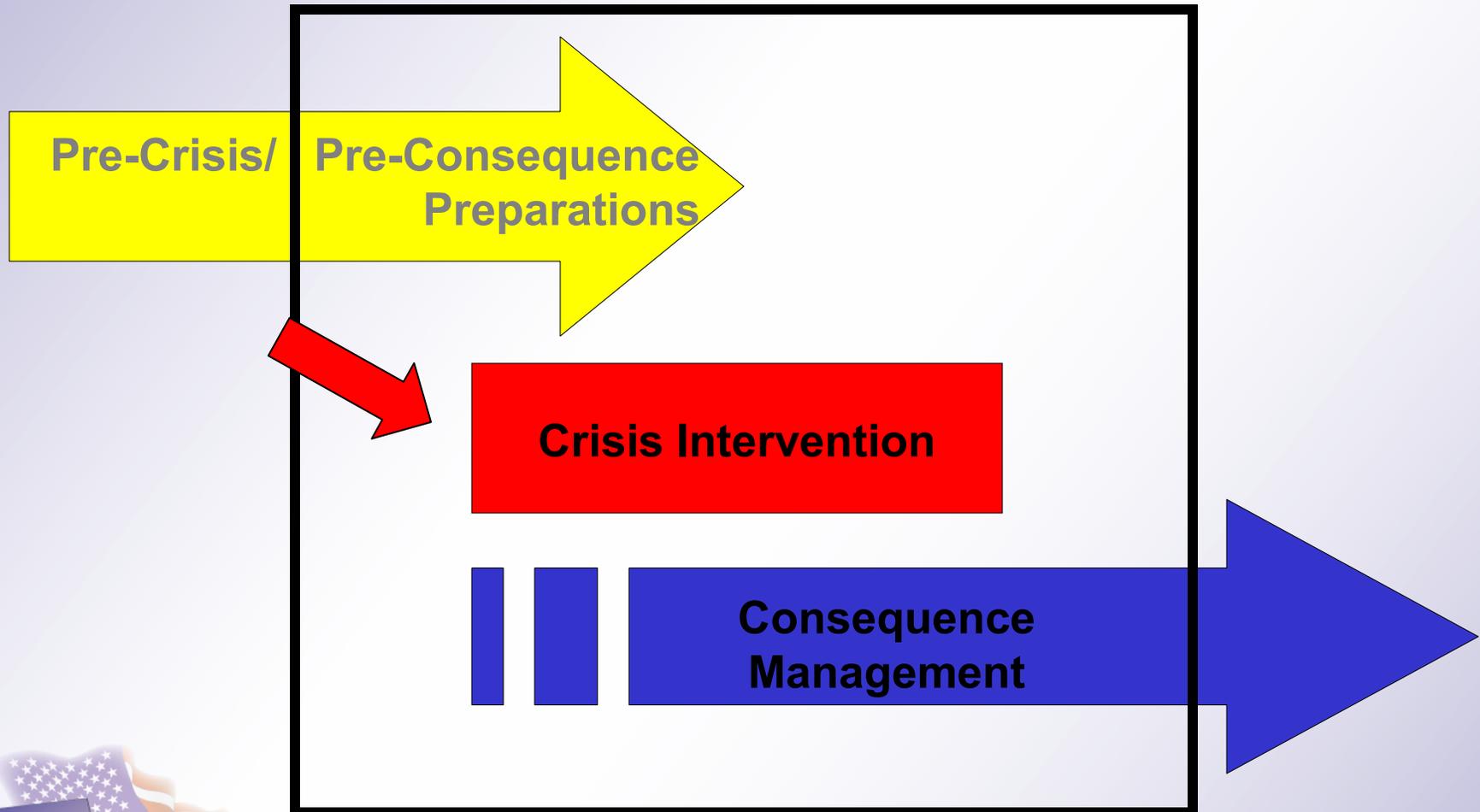
- Intelligence
- Readiness preparations
  - Training
  - Deployment status
  - Equipment maintenance and packaging
  - Established Plans & Procedures
  - Local coordination



# Flow of Nuclear Counter-Terrorist Activities

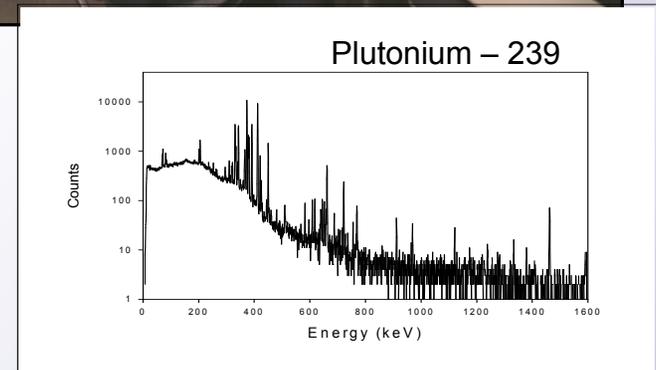


# Emergency Response



# Crisis

- First Responders
  - Police, Hazardous Material Units, Coast Guard, Customs
- State and Regional Teams (Suspicious Package)
- Radiological Assistance Program (RAP) Teams
- National Search Teams
- Home Teams



# Crisis Intervention

- National Search Team
  - Locate and Identify Nuclear and Radiological Materials in Support of the designated Coordinating Agency
- Utilize low-profile techniques to locate
  - Nuclear or radiological materials
  - Dispersal Devices
  - Nuclear Weapons
- Different platforms
  - Hand held
  - Vehicle mounted
  - Aerial
  - Marine



## Aerial Measuring System - Search

- Beechcraft B200 Fixed Wing Aircraft and Bell 412 Helicopter
- Nellis Air Force Base
- Andrews Air Force Base
- On-duty Team
  - Pilots
  - Scientist
  - Data Technician
  - Radiation Technician



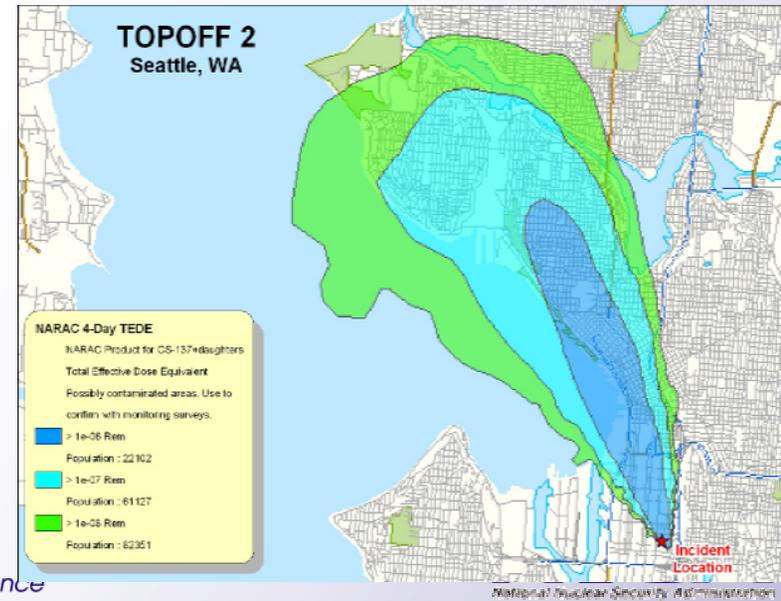
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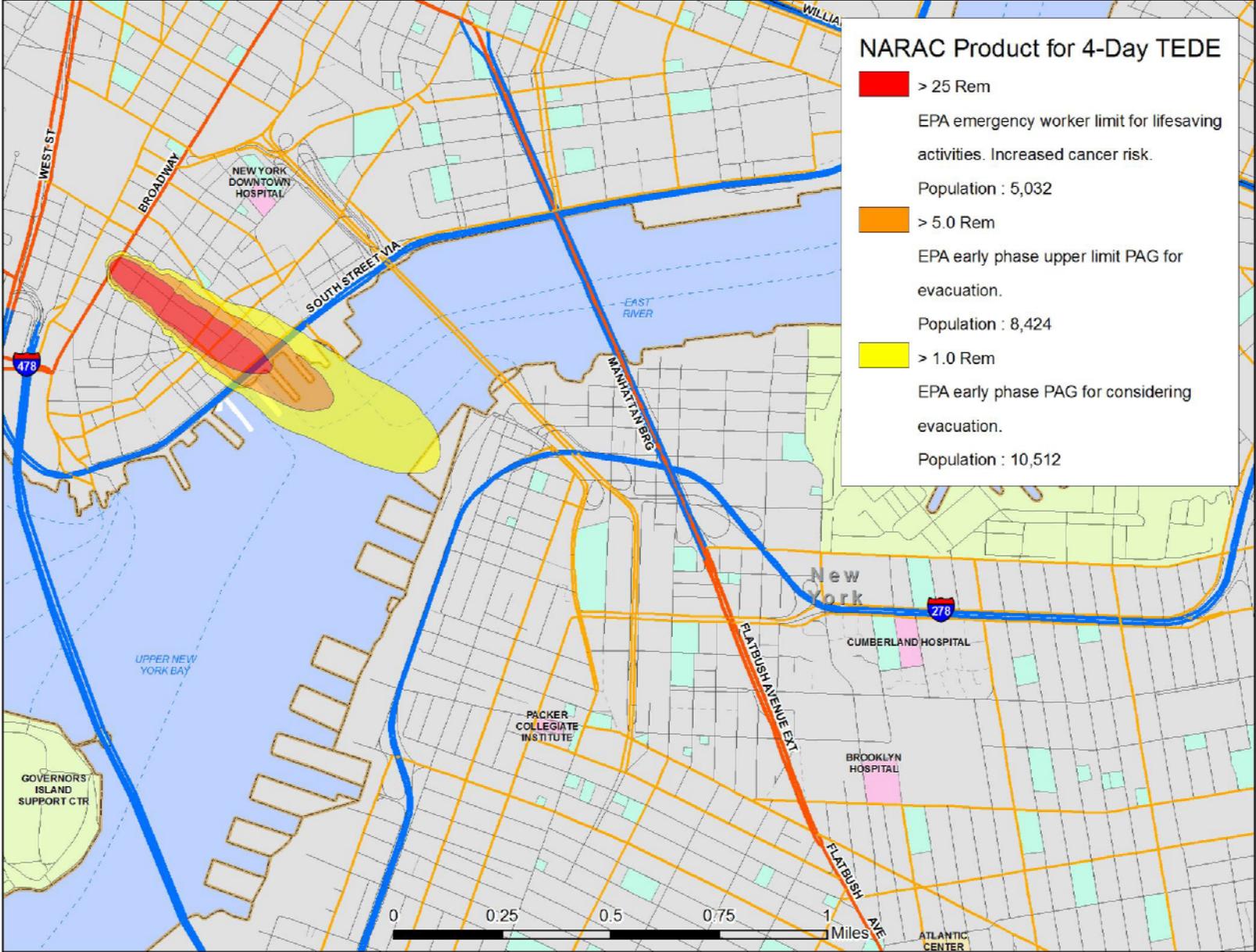


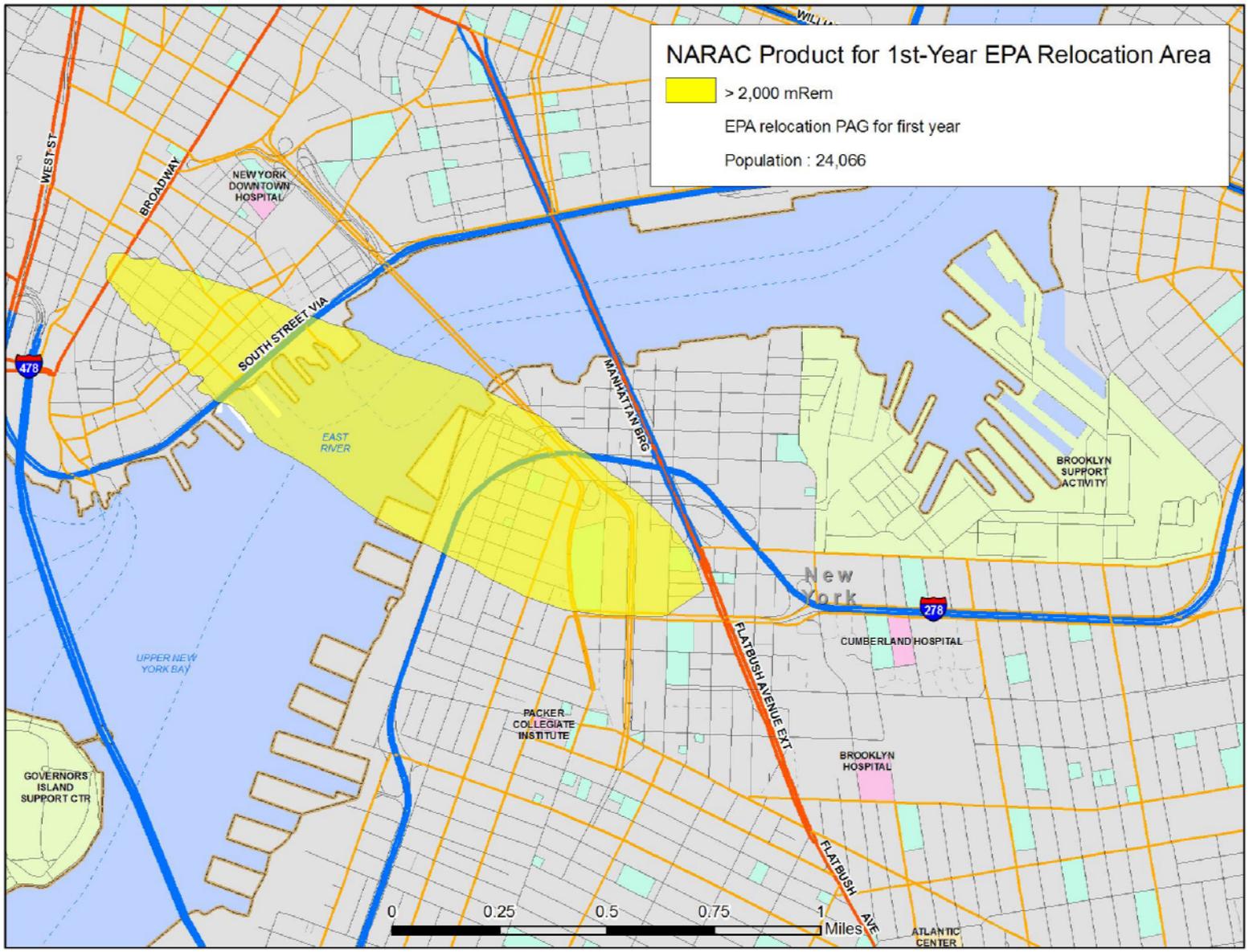
## World-wide Coverage

- Terrain and land-surface
- Vector and raster maps
- Real-time weather data
- Real-time hazard advisories available within minutes
- Distributed electronically

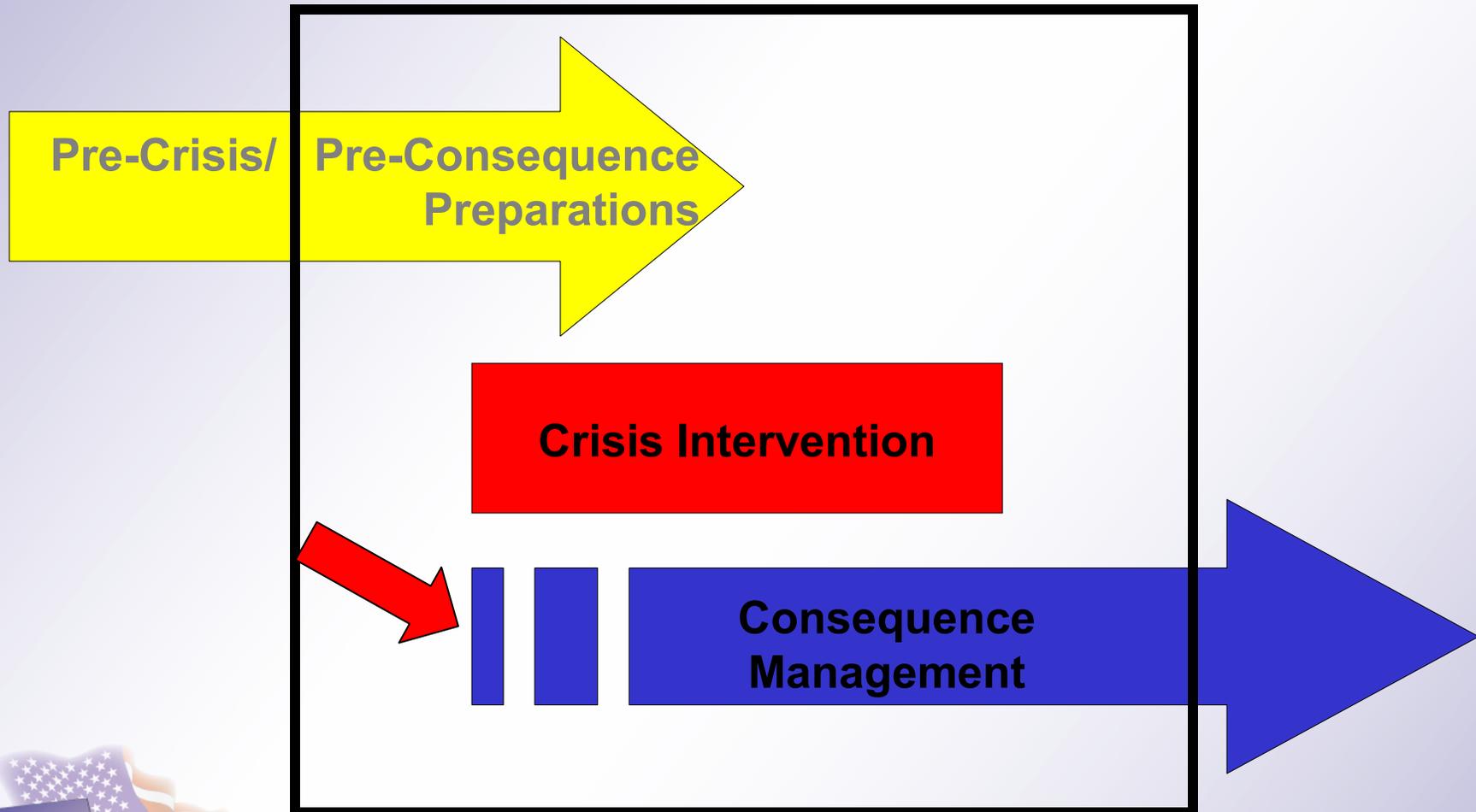
- Natural, chemical, biological, and natural resources
- Generic and specific sources
- Advanced modeling system
- Health effects and action levels





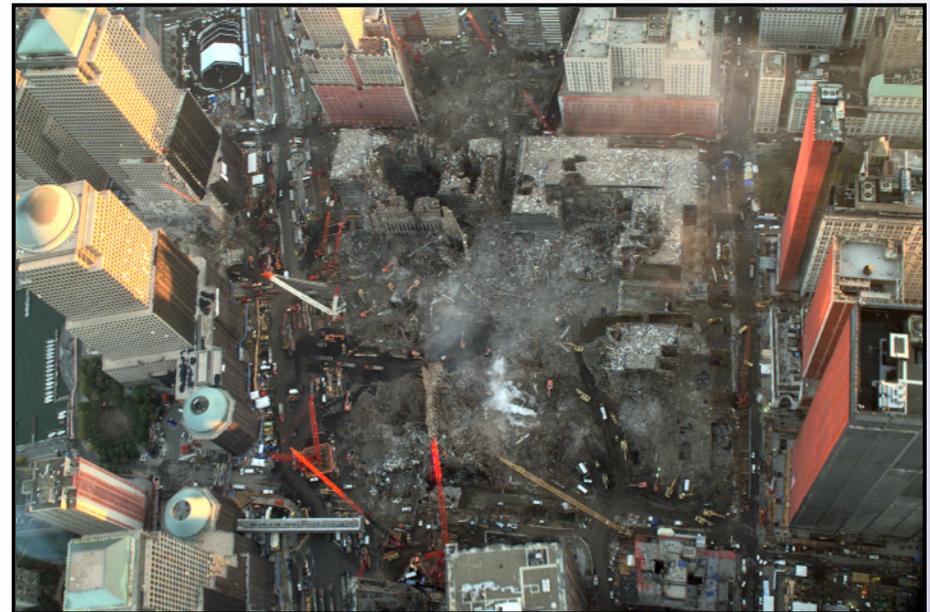


# Emergency Response



# National Response Plan

- December 2004
- Nuclear / Radiological Incident Annex
- Establishes Coordinating Agency, Advisory Team, and a Federal Monitoring and Assessment Center (FRMAC).
- Assigns the coordination of the FRMAC during the initial phase to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) National Nuclear Security Administration.



# Consequence Management

The DOE National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) has the role to coordinate the FRMAC and assist the states in their mission to **PROTECT THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF THEIR CITIZENS** with:

- Verified radiation measurements
- Interpretations of radiation distributions based on EPA, FDA or local Protective Action Guidelines
- Characterizations of overall radiological conditions



## CMRT Time Line

- Conduct **Advance Party meeting** upon arrival.
- Begin **monitoring and sampling plan**.
- Upload predictive models and begin **assessment of first responder data**.
- Ensure **Health and Safety** of responders
- Begin producing maps and compiling data utilizing the **Geographic Information System (GIS)**.
- Upload GIS to **FRMAC Web**.
- Set up **secure communications**.
- Begin **logistics planning** for follow on response.



# CM Products: Monitoring and Sampling Data

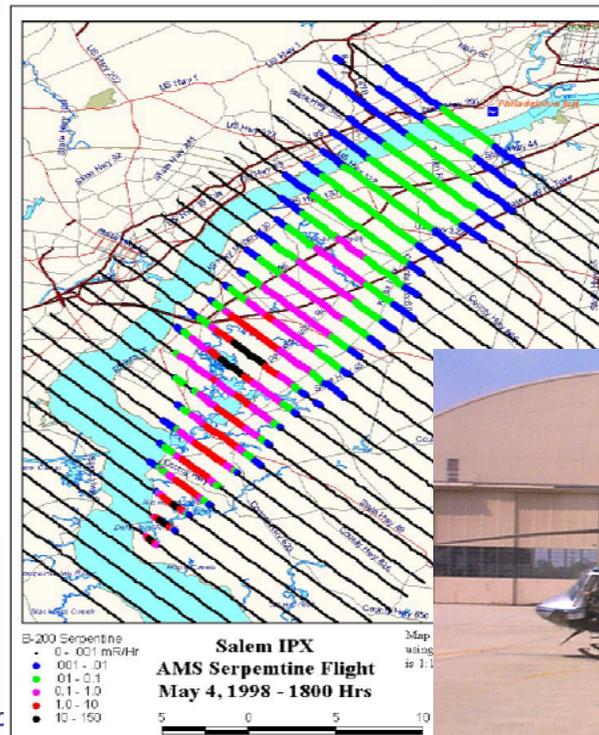
- Direct monitoring measurements
- Isotopic mix (*in situ* spectroscopy)
- Sampling
  - Control (hotline to lab)
  - Prep
  - Analysis
- QA & QC
- Standardized data forms



# Consequence Management Aerial Measuring System (AMS)

Mission – Provides radiological detection capability mounted on helicopters and fixed wing aircraft to measure ground disposition of radiation in radiological emergencies

- Aircraft located at Nellis and Andrews Air Force Base
- Responds in 4 to 6-hours
- 40 team members



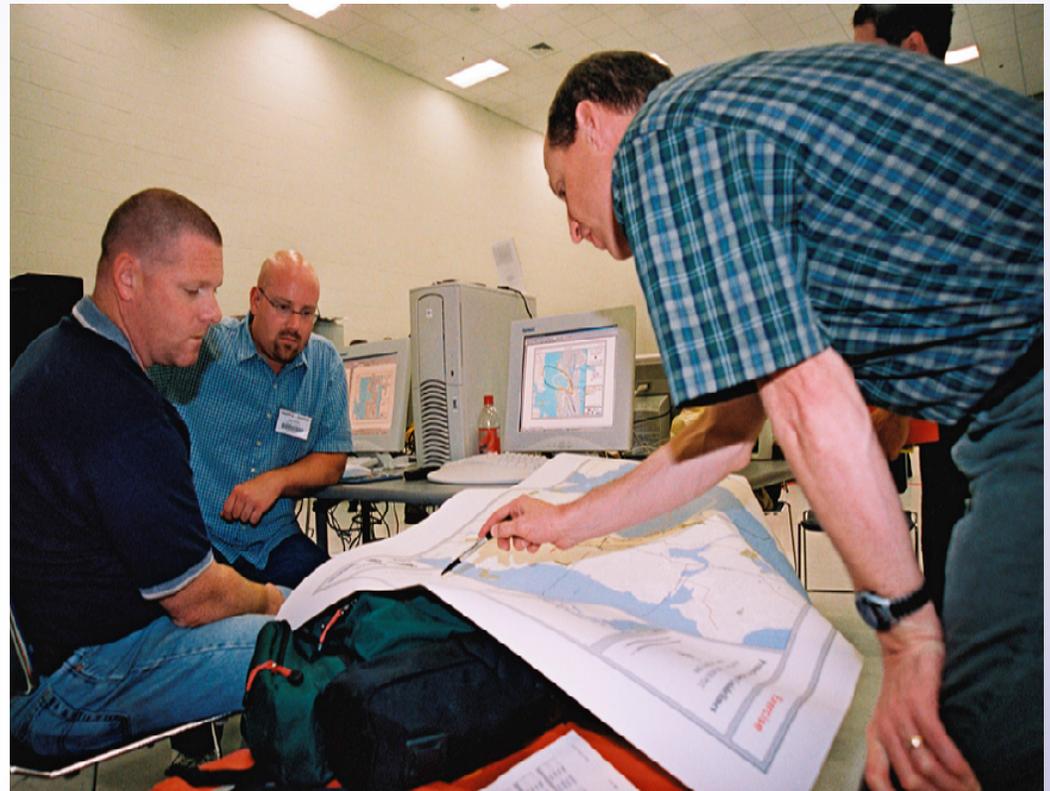
# Laboratory Analysis

- Sample Hotline
- Sample Preparation
  - Documentation
  - database entry
  - chain-of-custody (sample tracking)
  - laboratory database
  - QA/QC process
- Sample Analysis
  - Laboratory Information Management System



# Assessment

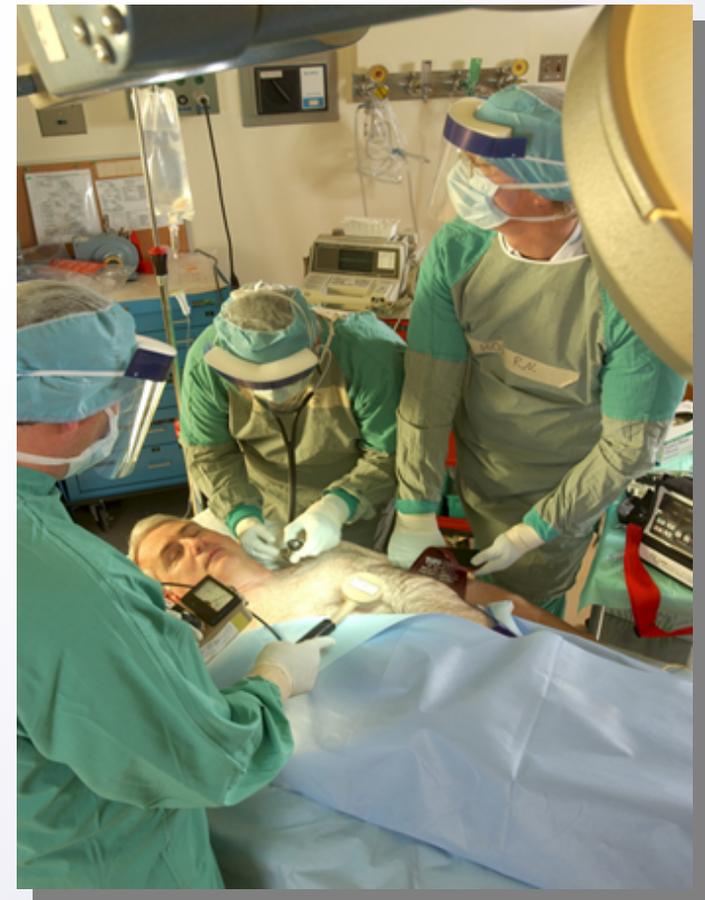
- Provides interpretations of radiological conditions in terms of recognized Federal or State PAGs.
- Characterizes radiological environment to address re-entry, return, and recovery issues.
- Geographic Information System (GIS)



# Consequence Management – Radiation Emergency Assistance Center / Training Site (REAC/TS)

Mission – Provide medical response, advice, and consultation for rapid assessment and treatment of high-dose radiation cases

- 24/7 capability
- Staffing – 14
- Assistance to Federal, state, local government governments as well as the IAEA, foreign governments and private physicians
- Provides training programs for health professionals
- Maintains “Radiation Accident Registry System”



National Nuclear Security Administration



# FRMAC

- Multi-agency response.
- Large scale/long-term operations.
- Photo/video capability.
- Additional communications (voice, data, video).
- Data networks.
- Mechanical and electrical support for extended operations.
- Additional logistics and administrative support.



Digit Pace Exercise



# Transfer from DOE to EPA

- At a mutually agreeable time AND after consultation with DHS and State, local, and tribal officials.
- The following conditions are to be met before transfer:
  - Immediate emergency condition is stabilized.
  - Offsite release of radioactive material has ceased.
  - Offsite radiological conditions have been characterized.
  - Initial long-range monitoring plan has been developed.
  - Other Federal agencies will commit required resources.



# Questions?

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