



Workshops, Outreach, and General Support for the US EPA Water Protection Task Force

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The Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 requires water suppliers to prepare Vulnerability Assessments of their water systems and to prepare or update Emergency Response Plans to be better prepared to react to intentional acts of terrorism. The U.S. EPA Water Protection Task Force (WPTF) is the oversight body of the U.S. EPA that ensures that all water suppliers across the nation comply with the Bioterrorism Act.

Horsley Witten Group (HW) is providing technical and outreach support to the WPTF. We are currently working with the WPTF to develop a workshop series entitled “Water Security and Incident Response Training,” which will include a practical exercise to build relationships between water suppliers and emergency services personnel. HW also provides logistical support for other workshops hosted by the WPTF and other federal agencies.

HW also assists the WPTF to effectively communicate with water suppliers and other agencies by developing brochures and presentation slides. The firm also performs technical analyses for the WPTF, such as a recent technical review of pulsed ultraviolet light technology and its ability to protect water supplies from bioterrorism, which will ultimately be submitted to Congress.

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