



Maryland Counterterrorism/ Water Security Services

Maryland Department of the Environment

The Maryland Department of the Environment’s (MDE) Water Supply Program (WSP) contracted the Horsley Witten Group, Inc. (HW) to create standard water emergency operating procedures for WSP staff. These protocols, which will form the basis of WSP’s all-hazard Emergency Response Plan (ERP), will include response flow charts as well as emergency procedures for WSP staff to follow when responding to a variety of incidents, but in particular an intentional water contamination incident. Additionally, HW staff will provide an analysis of the current WSP emergency response program’s strengths and weaknesses and make recommendations to improve the WSP’s overall water security program. The analysis and recommendations will comprise Maryland’s new Security Strategic Plan (SSP) for water.

HW will also conduct a comprehensive training program that will include:

- A ½-day training course to familiarize MDE senior staff and WSP staff with the new ERP and SSP;
- A ½-day tabletop exercise for WSP staff to discuss their new ERP protocols in a scenario-driven format;
- A ½-day functional exercise for WSP staff and other state agencies to practice responding to an intentional water contamination incident; and
- A statewide water security conference to provide a forum for the circulation and exchange of the latest water security guidance and provide an opportunity for water suppliers across the state to network with one another and with individuals who are helping to develop and implement national water security guidance.

HW also agreed with the WSP to provide testimony regarding the SSP to Senate and House committees of the Maryland General Assembly, if necessary. Through the above activities, HW will assist the WSP in fulfilling its goal of ensuring a secure and safe water supply for the citizens of Maryland.

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