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# **Restoration of Major Transportation Facilities Following a Chemical Agent Release: *The Facility Restoration OTD***

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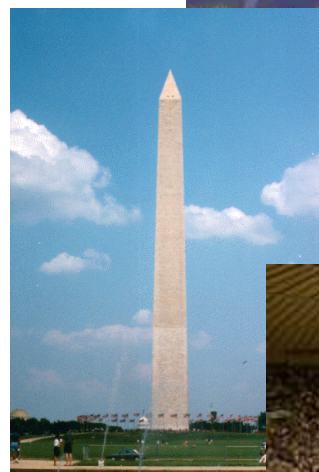
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# A chemical agent release in a facility may result in...

- High Casualties
  - Office Buildings
  - Indoor Stadiums
  - Transportation Hubs
- Loss of National Prestige
  - National Monuments
  - Government Buildings
- Large Economic Impact
  - Transportation Hubs



**Economic impact is the most important factor in selecting a facility that needs to be restored quickly and efficiently**

# A chemical agent release in key transportation facilities could cause severe consequences

- Highly vulnerable to chemical terrorism
- Large economic impact if closed for even short periods
- Wide range of decontamination and remediation challenges
- Lack of understanding among stakeholders on the time, cost, and process to restore facility
- Fundamental technology and capability gaps will make efficient recovery difficult



**We are working in close collaboration with a partner airport (LAX) and regulatory agencies**

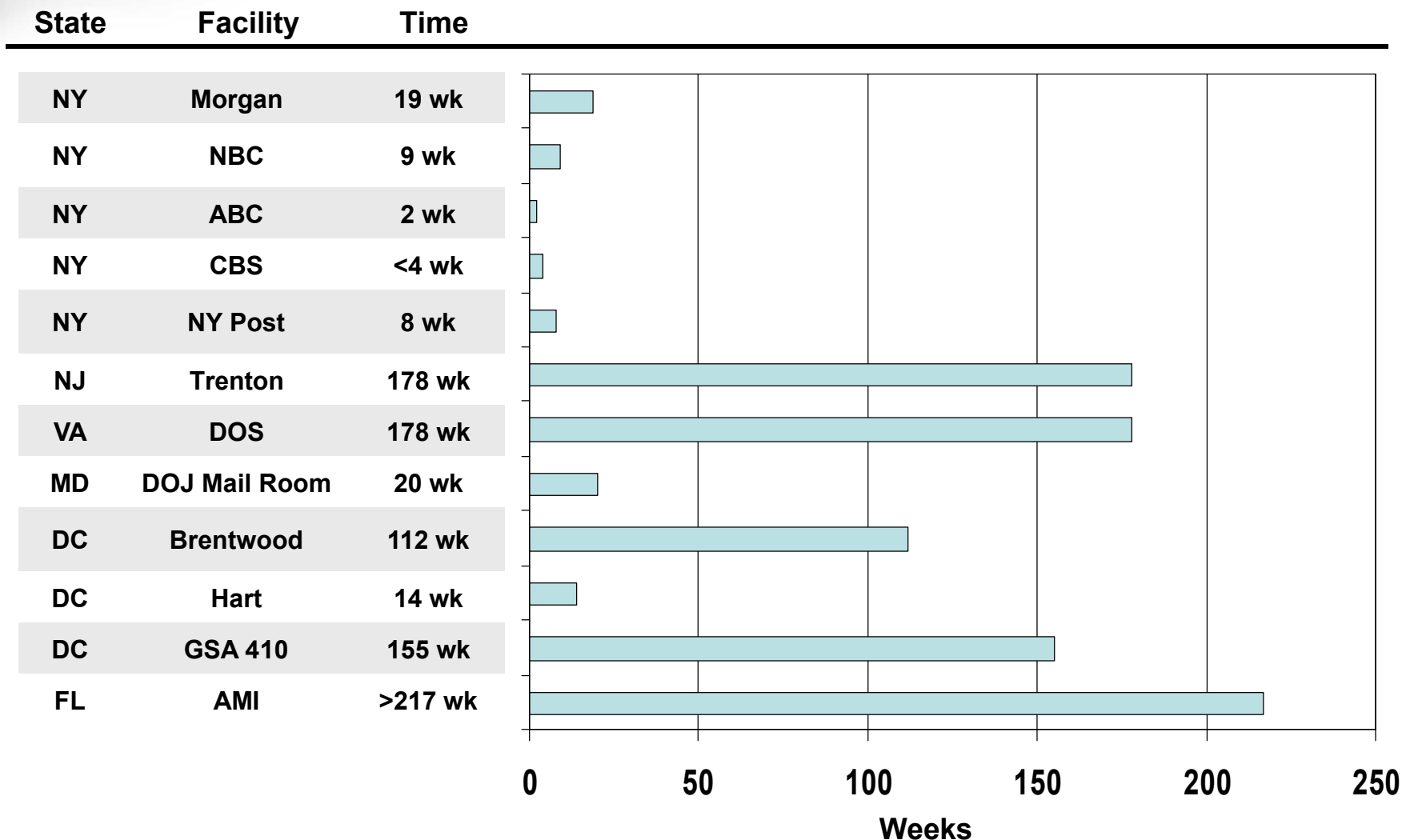
# The Project supports the DHS S&T Chemical Countermeasures Strategic Objectives

The strategic objectives of DHS S&T's Chemical Countermeasures Program are to:

- Develop a national chemical defense architecture
- **Enhance rapid recovery from chemical attacks**
- Develop pre-event assessment, discovery, and interdiction capabilities for chemical threats
- **Minimize** loss of life and **economic impact from chemical attack**
- Enhance the capability to identify chemical attack source

**The Facility Restoration Operational Technology Demonstration (OTD) is addressing these objectives.**

# Previous recovery activities were very lengthy



**Recovery of facilities following the 2001 anthrax incidents**



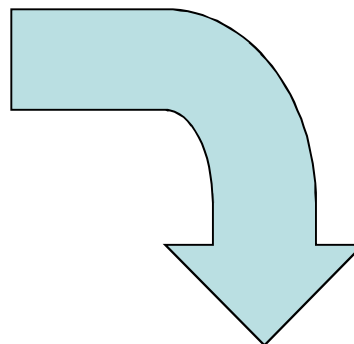
# Implementing a systems approach will decrease the time required for recovery

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	Risk communication	Waste disposal			
		Decontamination of sites, items, or both			
		Initial risk assessment	Verification of decontamination parameters		
		Clearance goals			

The systems approach is following the structure developed by an interagency panel of experts

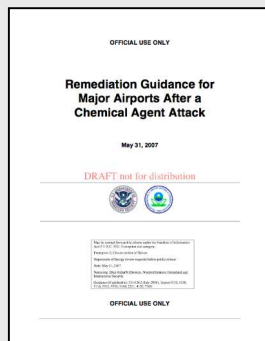
# Implementation of the systems approach requires pre-planning and the filling of critical technology, capability, and data gaps

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The project is conducting these activities in order to implement the systems approach to recovery

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## Technology Development



## Addressing Critical Data and Capability Gaps

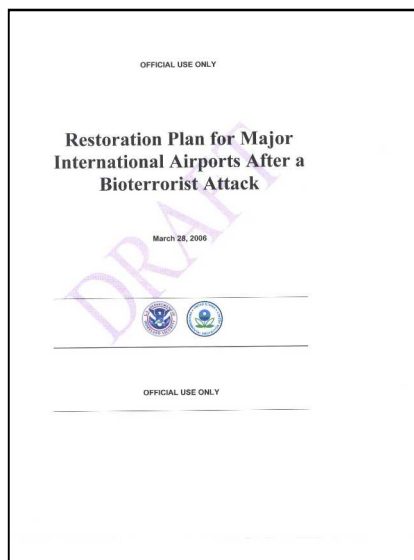


The objective is to recover as quickly and safely as possible to minimize economic damage



# The Facility Restoration OTD builds off of the recently completed Biological Restoration DDAP

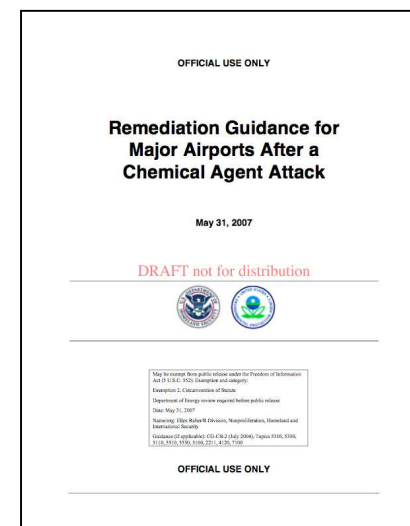
## Biological Restoration DDAP (BW agent release in an airport)



## Facility Restoration OTD (CW agent release in an airport)



**A primary consideration is to utilize many of the fundamental concepts, processes, technical developments, and key relationships established during the *Biological Restoration DDAP***



# The Facility Restoration OTD is utilizing experts from the National Laboratories and other federal agencies

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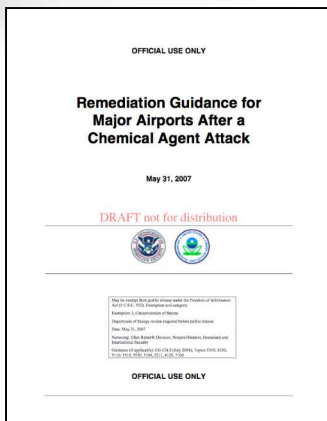
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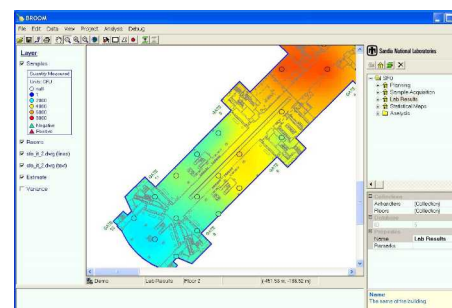
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## Final Demonstration

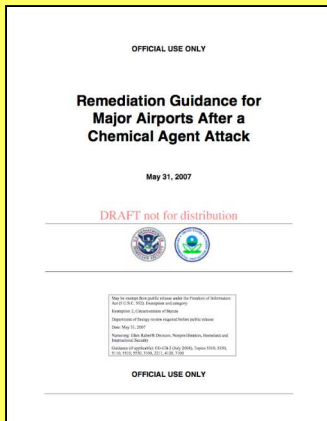
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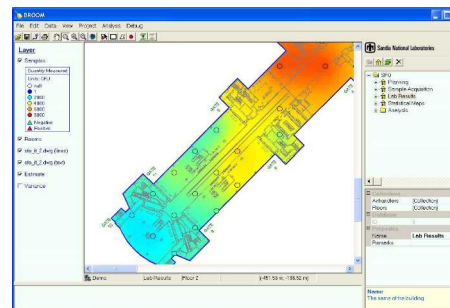
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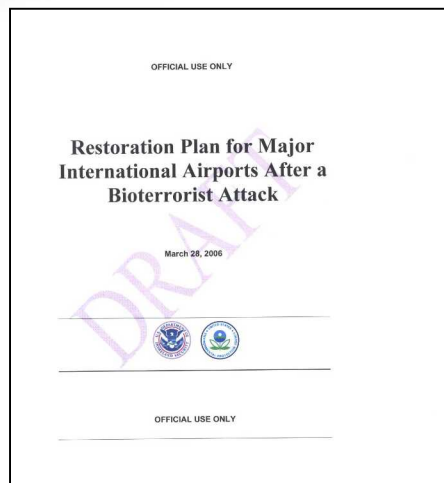


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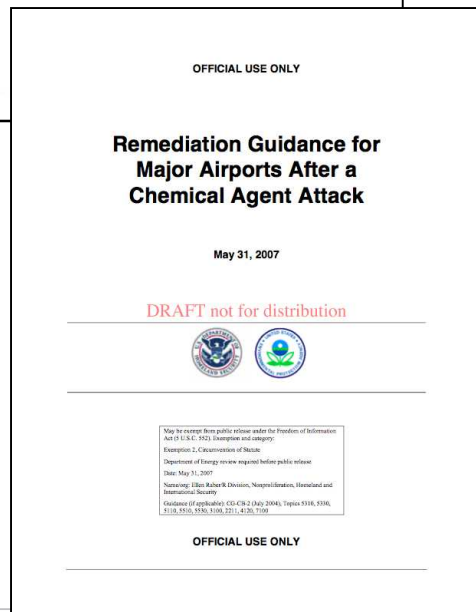


# Pre-planning restoration and recovery operations is essential



**Pre-planning  
to enhance the  
rapid recovery  
of critical  
infrastructure**

- Key issues can be addressed before an incident occurs
- Roles and responsibilities can be determined
- Technologies and capabilities can be identified
- Planning templates can speed the process and help all stakeholders better understand the issues
  - Identify necessary resources (personnel, equipment, and consumables)
  - Make key decisions (e.g., decon versus replacement)
  - Determine sampling protocols and methods



**A primary deliverable from this project is a remediation plan for LAX and a generic remediation plan template for other facilities to follow**



# Draft of Remediation Plan completed and undergoing peer review

**Draft completed in FY07, to be peer reviewed and revised in FY08**

## General Restoration Plan

1. Introduction
2. Characterization
3. Remediation
4. Clearance
5. Recommendations for pre-planning

## Appendices

- A. Notification Phase
- B. First Responder Phase
- C. Sampling Design
- D. Collection and analysis of samples for chemical agents

## Appendices (continued)

- D. Annex. Review of available instruments
- E. Statistical Sampling Approaches
- F. Decon Technologies
- G. Exposure Estimates
- G1. Restoration Guidelines
- H. Sample Unit Forms
- I. Characterization Template
- J. Remediation Action Plan Template
- K. Clearance Sampling and Analysis Plan Template
- L. Restoration Contact List
- M. Waste Management

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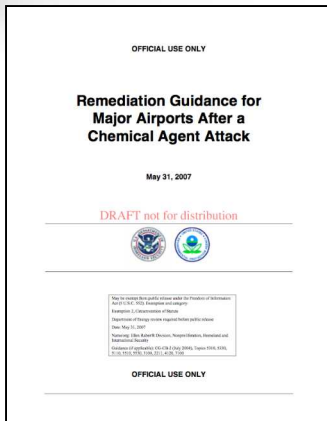
## LAX Data Supplements

- A. Facility Command Structure
- B. Facility Description
- C. Facility Ventilation
- D. Sampling Units
- E. Sampling Zones
- F. Remediation Pre-planning

**Peer review by USEPA, USDOD and other subject matter experts**

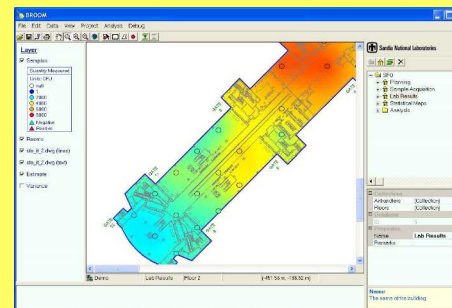
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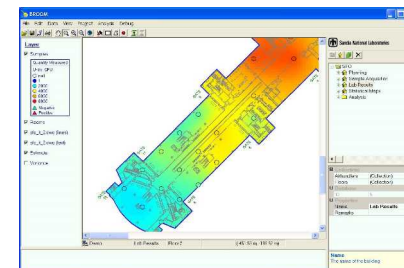
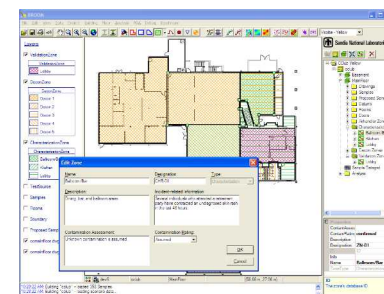
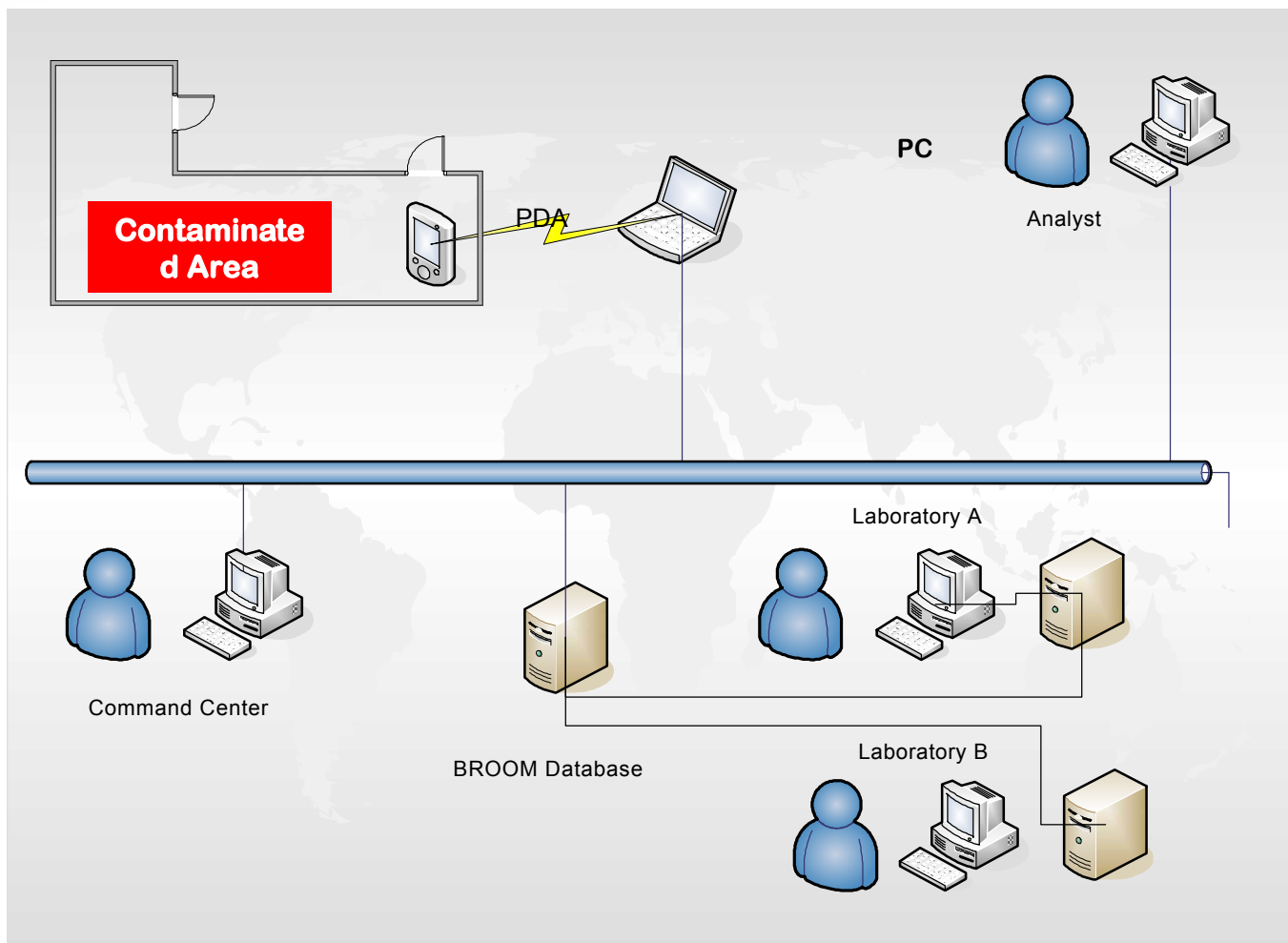
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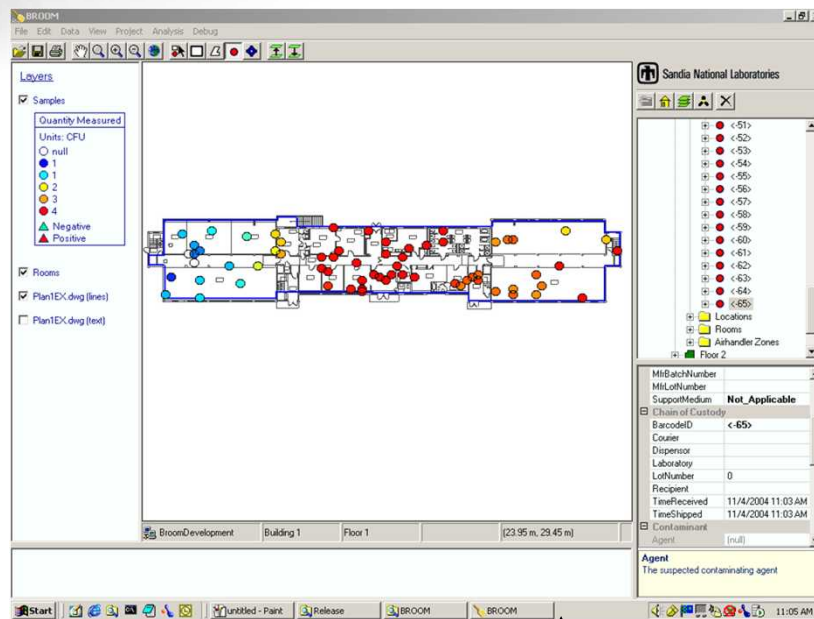
# The project is adapting the BROOM decision support tool for chemical use

**BROOM can be used for pre-event planning and post-event operations**



**BROOM: Data collection, management, visualization, and analysis**

# BROOM can collect, manage, visualize, and analyze the large amounts of data associated with a chemical agent release



## ■ Data Collection, Management, and Visualization

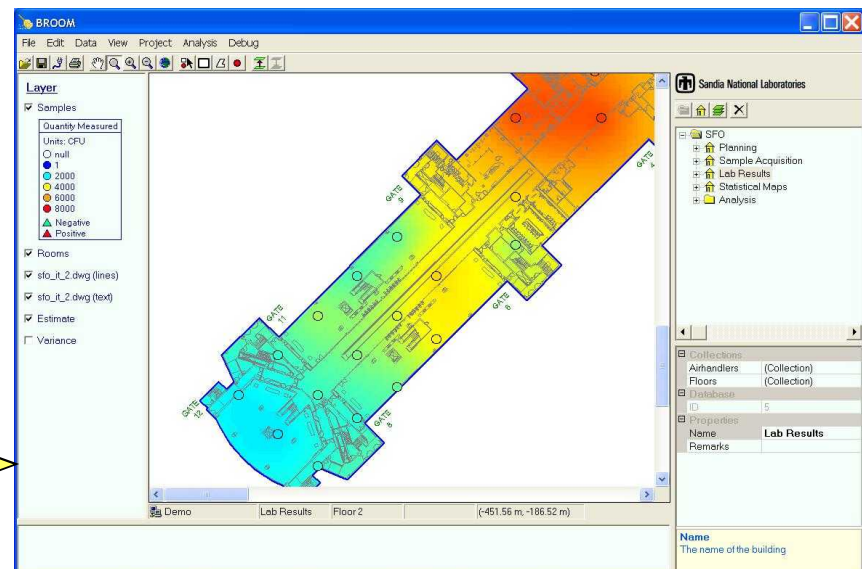
- Sample locations
- Sample results

## ■ Data Analysis

- Map Contamination
- Map Uncertainty
- Optimize subsequent sampling to reduce uncertainty in magnitude and extent

**Data Management and Visualization**

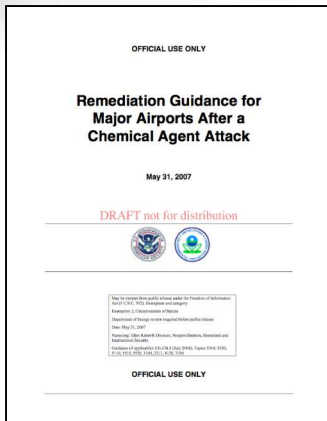
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**The OTD is also integrating BROOM with the Visual Sampling Plan (VSP) tool**

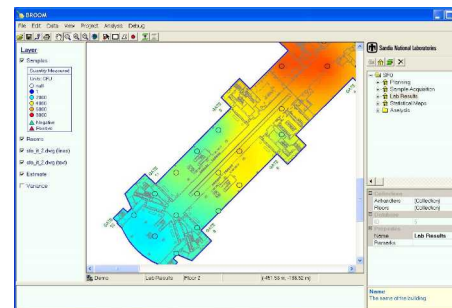
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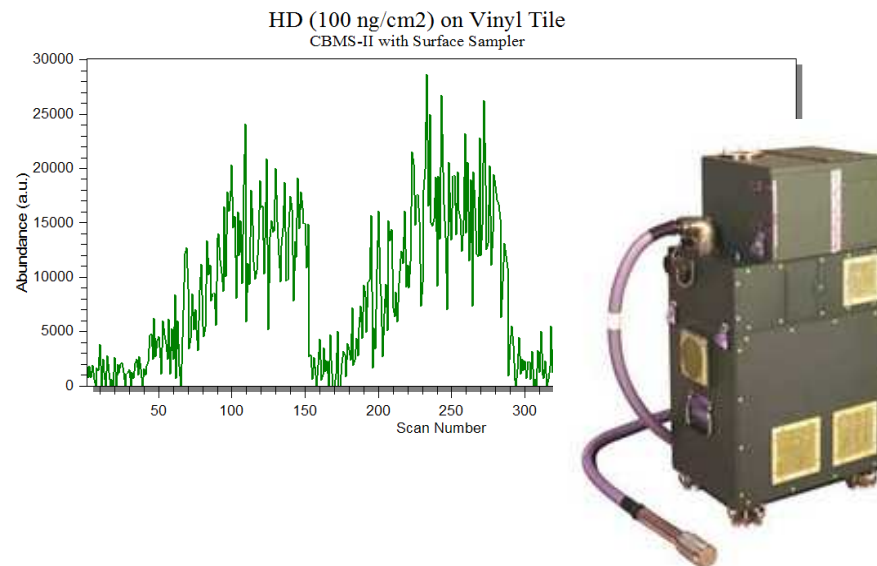
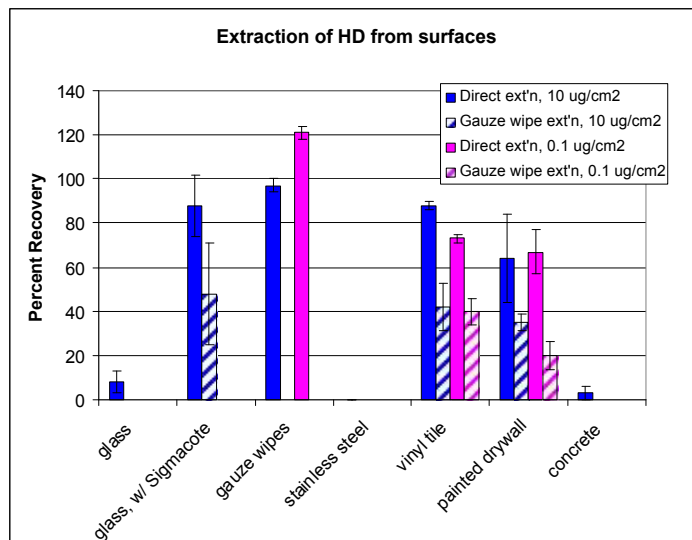


# The Project is also addressing critical data and capability gaps

- Surface Sample Collection Efficiency and Detection Limits for CW Agents
  - Objective: To determine the collection efficiency and detection limits of the surface sampling methods on porous and non-porous surfaces that would be typically found in the interior of a transportation facility.
- Interaction of Chemical Agents on Interior Surfaces and Natural Attenuation/Decay Rates
  - Objective: To determine adsorption/desorption and decay rates for chemical agents on interior surfaces.
- Gas/Vapor Decontamination Method Scale-up Evaluation
  - Objective: To evaluate potential gas/vapor technologies that can be quickly implemented for use against the lower persistency agents.
- Statistical Sampling Algorithm Validation
  - Objective: To validate potential statistical sampling algorithms against data from actual release sites. In addition, we will integrate the validated methods into BROOM/VSP.



# Demonstrate that existing technologies and methods can detect CWAs at concentrations protective of human health

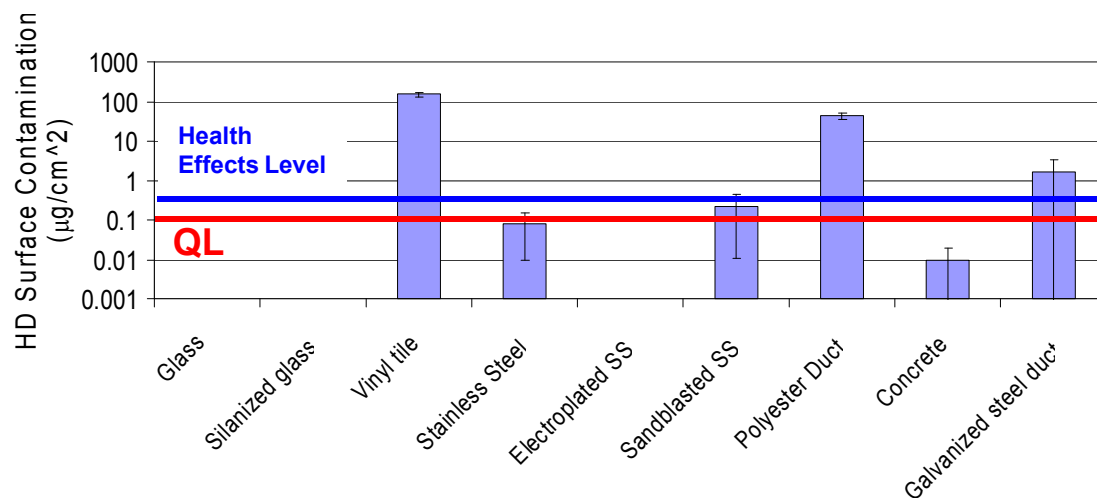


Conventional sampling and gas chromatographic/mass spectrometric analysis can easily detect CWA on surfaces at levels relevant to the protection of public health

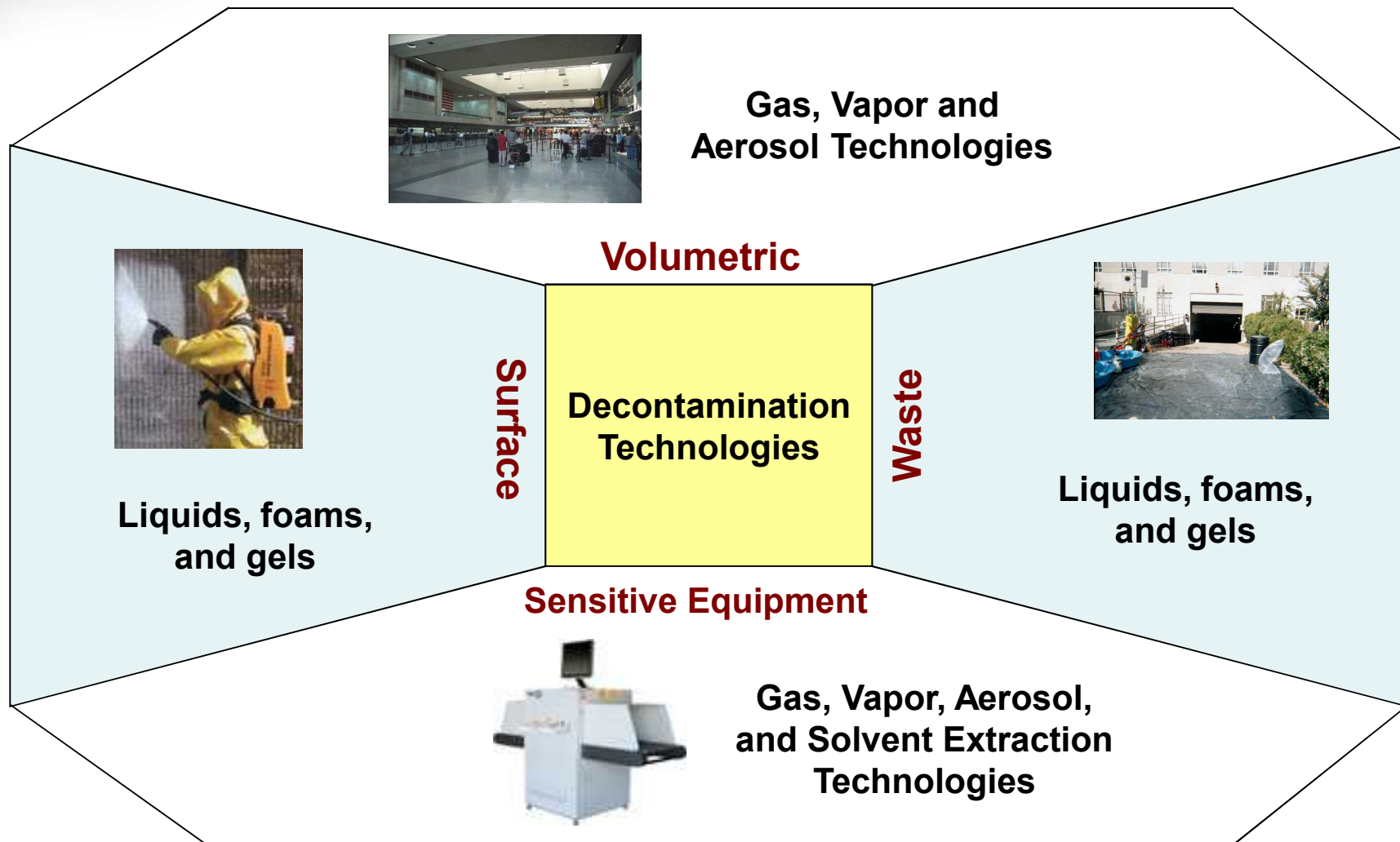
Real-time mass spectrometric techniques, such as the CBMS II, show promise for rapid detection of CWAs at low concentrations

# Interaction of Chemical Agents on Interior Surfaces

- Need to understand adsorption, desorption, and natural decay on indoor materials at high vs. low concentrations
  - Dynamics, affinity, and reactivity control CWA persistence
  - Current knowledge primarily on vapor hazards
- Quantitative measurements needed to justify ventilation as a decon option for non-persistent and volatile agents.
- Live agent work at LLNL and simulant work at Sandia for protocol development and to group like materials into classes.
  - 3 agents (HD, GB, VX)
  - 8 surfaces (glass, stainless steel, vinyl floor tile, latex painted wallboard, concrete, escalator handrail, polyester flexible HVAC duct, galvanized steel HVAC duct)

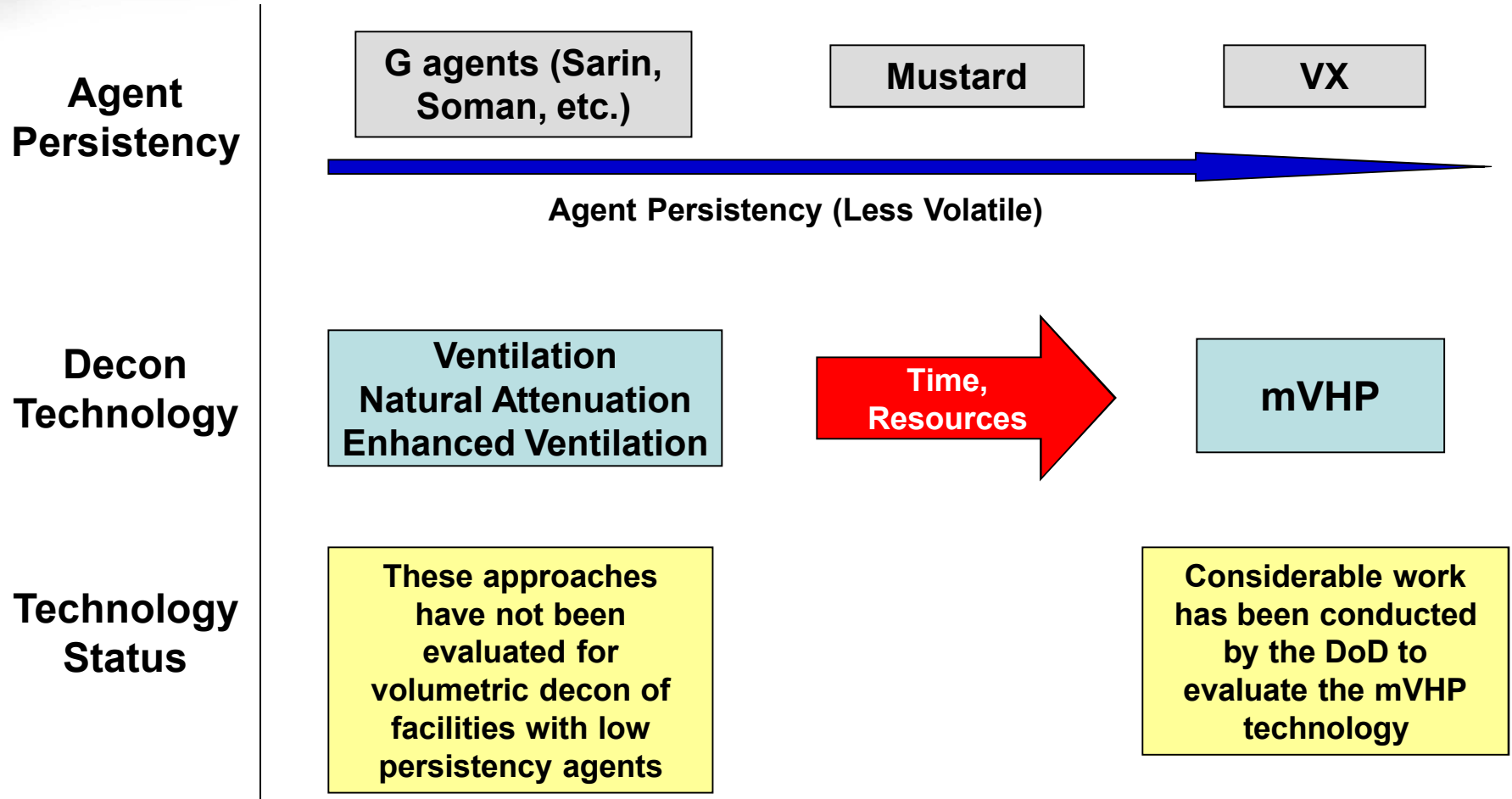


# Decontamination of complex infrastructure will require a set of technologies



**Potential decontamination technologies exist for each of these areas**

# **Volumetric decontamination technologies will be selected based on the persistency of the agent**



**Objective: Reduce the time for decontamination and eliminate the need to use more time-consuming processes (i.e., mVHP)**

## The project is evaluating enhanced ventilation as a rapid method to remediate facilities contaminated with non-persistent agents

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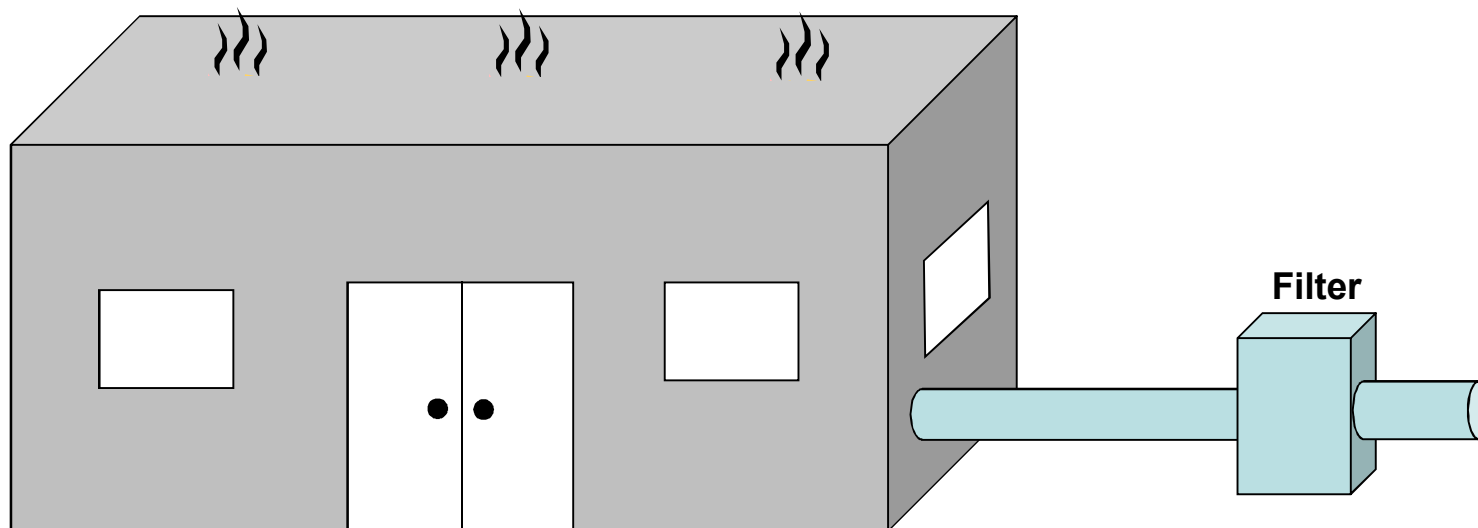
Use Hot Air Decontamination Evaluation Screening (HADES) tool to determine heating parameters

2.

Heat interior of entire facility to desorb agents from surfaces

3.

Filter and remove agent from air



To evaluate enhanced ventilation as a decon method, two issues are being investigated: (1) The temperatures and time required to desorb chemical agents from materials, and (2) The methods and processes required to heat a facility to the required temperature.

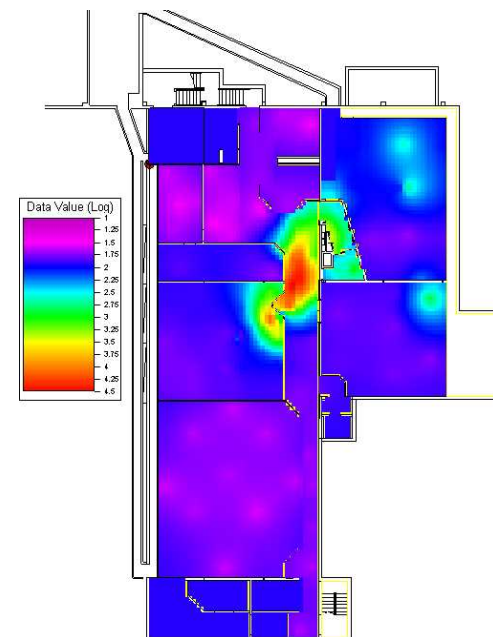
# The project is also evaluating and validating statistical sampling approaches

## Objectives:

- Validate potential statistical sampling algorithms against data from actual release sites
- Integrate the validated methods into VSP and BROOM

## Progress to date:

- Quality Assurance guidelines developed for validation testing
- Three comprehensive baseline data sets have been developed for the validation testing
- Several traditional statistical methods (e.g., hot spot delineation) have been analyzed with a probabilistic methodology, with good success
- Geostatistical methods in the process of undergoing validation testing, with good preliminary results

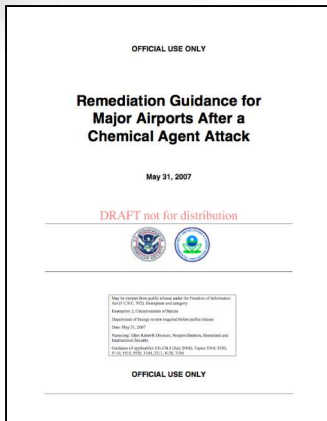


**This work is addressing the sampling validation issues raised by the GAO (2005)**



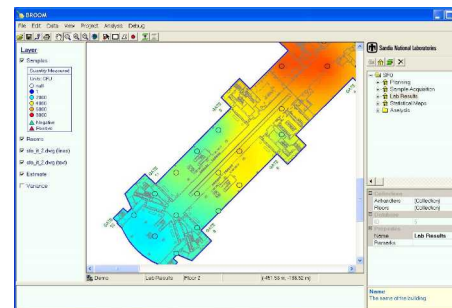
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# The project will conclude with a final demonstration tentatively scheduled at an Ontario, CA airport terminal in FY09



The event will incorporate a variety of presentation formats including platform presentations, video presentations, panel discussions, and live demonstrations.

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# The OTD is part of a larger strategy to enhance our ability to rapidly recover from the release of a chemical or biological agent in critical facilities or areas

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(DHS funded Restoration Demonstration Projects)



Future



- No pre-planning for recovery
- Lack of knowledge in many areas of the recovery process
- Large capability gaps

- Development of Site-specific recovery plans for SFO, LAX and template for other facilities
- Improved knowledge of the recovery process
- Specific capabilities (BROOM, sample collection efficiency, rapid viability analysis, decon)
- Workshops and exercises to transfer processes to other facilities

- Remediation plans for other airports and facilities based on DHS templates
- Recovery process improvements and enabling technologies provided to other agencies
- **Other applications (additional contaminants, other types of facilities, wide area releases)**

**Transition to other airports, facilities, and applications through a remediation plan template, demonstrations, exercises, and products.**