



Wide Area Restoration Decision Support Tool Transition Project

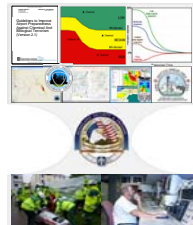
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Sandia employs an End-to-End approach to biodefense

- **Threat assessment**
 - What is the problem / threat?
- **Attack prevention / hardening**
 - What measures can be implemented to reduce the likelihood or impact of an attack?
- **Countermeasures evaluation**
 - How can we effectively respond to an attack?
- **System requirements**
 - What support / information is needed to implement effective actions?
- **System architecture design and deployment**
 - How do we best deploy available assets?
- **Signal interpretation / decision support**
 - How do we use available information to make the best operational decisions during an event?
- **Restoration and recovery**
 - How do we get back to normal operations after an attack?



Integrating cutting-edge technology and real-world response operations through sustainable solutions, training, and exercises

PATH/AWARE Prioritization Analysis Tool for all Hazards/ Analyzer for Wide Area Restoration Effectiveness

PATH/AWARE - A Toolset for Restoration and Recovery Planning, Exercising, and Operations

PATH/AWARE is an analysis and decision-support toolset to prioritize critical infrastructure and plan restoration operations following natural or man-made disasters, including earthquakes, floods, fires, chemical, biological, and radiological incidents.

Capabilities - PATH/AWARE integrates a front-end GIS and mapping capability, national building and asset datasets, prioritization and remediation operations algorithms, enabling recovery decision-makers and planners to efficiently and effectively:

- Identify critical infrastructure in area of interest;
- Assess impacts to lifelines and other critical services;
- Analyze critical infrastructure interdependencies;
- Prioritize critical infrastructure based on recovery objectives;
- Evaluate restoration and remediation strategies;
- Determine resource requirements for operations;
- Identify chokepoints in the process, and
- Allocate and manage resources effectively



Scenario and Resource Inputs (default or user-defined)

- **Scenario Description** - Geographically defined areas of interest including red, yellow, and green zones, building/asset demographics (e.g. square footage, number of floors, number of occupants)
- **Recovery Objectives** - Priority weightings for recovery objectives, functions, and services (e.g. Maintain Public Safety, Minimize Economic Impacts, Restore Continuity of Operations)
- **Screening and Characterization** - Number of sampling teams, sampling rate, sample types, sampling approaches (e.g. judgmental, statistical/lab capacity, unit costs)
- **Decontamination and Waste Handling** - Indoor and outdoor decon options and rates (e.g. fumigation, surface treatment, over-spray), waste volume, type, characterization and treatment methods
- **Clearance** - Sampling methodology, sampling approach (e.g. judgmental or statistical or combination), lab processing capacity, planning and data analysis delay factors



PATH/AWARE Outputs

- **Impacted Region and Facilities** - Tabulation of potentially affected services and assets by location and building use designation
- **Prioritized List of Critical Services and Assets** - Rank-ordered list of services and assets based on recovery objectives, scenario impacts, and critical service and asset interdependencies
- **Remediation Timelines and Costs** - Timelines and cost estimates for each remediation phase; comparison of point and timelines for alternative remediation strategies
- **Reporting** - Documentation including PowerPoint presentations and PDF summaries containing scenario information, resource quantities, critical infrastructure priorities, time and cost estimates

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Following a wide-area biological release:

- Many critical assets will be potentially contaminated, and **key functions disrupted**
- Restoration **resources will be extremely limited**
- Time to complete **restoration will be months to years**



Project Goals and Objectives:

Support development of a **nationally accessible capability for regional restoration and recovery planning**, through technology refinement, application, and transition for long term sustainment

Decision-makers will need to know:

- Which assets have been impacted? What functions are disrupted?
- **What resources are available?** How can they be utilized most effectively?
- How long will the clean-up take? **When will critical functions be restored?**

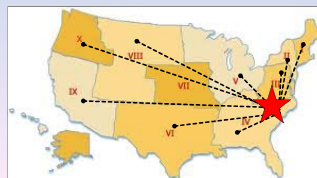


Decision-support tools provide restoration planners with information and analysis



Current efforts are focused on increasing the usefulness, usability, and accessibility of the PATH/AWARE toolset:

- **Useful**
 - Expand to Chemical and Radiological hazards
- **Usable**
 - Develop Concept of Operations
 - Vetting of capability through Interagency Working Group
- **Accessible**
 - Installation in local EOC's
 - Develop web-based capability, which can be centrally located and maintained



After response, restoration challenges will be significant



The Tool Transition Project seeks to transition technology for long term use & sustainment

Technology has been developed to support restoration & recovery

The Prioritization Analysis Tool for all Hazards/Analyzer for Wide-Area Restoration Effectiveness (PATH/AWARE) helps decision-makers:

- identify critical infrastructure in area of interest;
- assess impacts on critical services;
- analyze critical infrastructure interdependencies;
- develop an integrated, unified prioritization strategy;
- determine resource requirements for restoration operations;
- identify chokepoints in the process, and
- allocate and manage resources effectively

... during planning and operational phases.

