



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 & maintain it?

Signal interpretation / decision support

- How do we use processed 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 Toolkit for Restoration and Recovery Planning, Exercising, and Operations

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

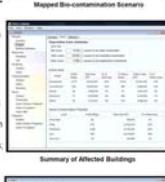
Capabilities – PATH/AWARE integrates a front-end GIS and modeling capability, national building and asset databases, prioritization and remediation strategies, and a decision-making recovery prioritization and planners to efficiently and effectively:

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



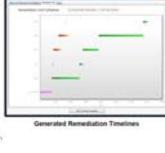
Scenario and Resource Inputs (default or user-defined)

- Scenario Description** – Geographically defined areas of interest including red, yellow, and green zones, building/assets demographics (e.g. square footage, number of floors, number of occupants);
- Recovery Objectives** – Priority weighting for recovery objectives, for each facility (e.g. Public Safety, Minimize Economic Impacts, Resilient Continuity of Operations);
- Screening and Characterization** – Number of sampling teams, sampling rate, sample types, sampling approaches (e.g. judgmental, statistical) lab capacity and unit costs;
- Decontamination and Resource Handling** – Indoor and outdoor decon options and rates (e.g. Aeration, surface treatment, overwashed), waste volume, characterization and treatment methods
- Cleanup** – 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 Functions** – A prioritized, risk-ordered list of services and assets based on recovery objectives, scenario impacts, and critical service and asset interdependences
- Remediation Timelines and Costs** – Timelines and cost estimates for each remediation phase, comparison of costs and timelines for alternative remediation strategies
- Reporting** – Documentation including PowerPoint presentations and reports 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?**



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



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

Technology has been developed to support restoration & recovery

Decision-support tools provide restoration planners with information and analysis



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.

