

## Sandia helps FBI with Amerithrax Case

After 7 years of working in secret, Sandia has been released from non-disclosure agreements with the FBI. Sandia applied advanced microanalysis tools, developed at Sandia in support of NW work, to determine the distribution of elements in the spore materials. These highly detailed analyses have been conducted on hundreds of samples over the past 7 years and showed that the spore materials in the letters most likely came from the same source and that no chemical additives were used to make the spores more dispersible. (1800, 5900)