

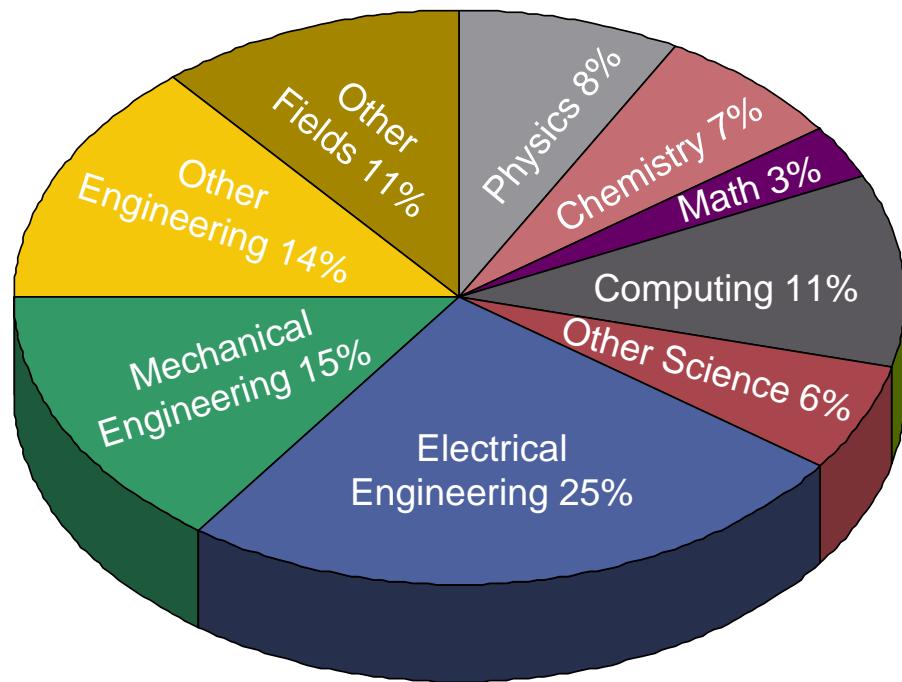
# Venue Assessments and Protection

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“Protecting People and Assets through Technology”

# Presentation Overview

- Introduction to Sandia National Laboratories
- CBRN Venue Assessment and Protection methodology
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- Summary of our approach
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# Sandia is a US Department of Energy National Laboratory dedicated to national security



- More than 9,000 employees
- Two principal sites, Albuquerque, NM, and Livermore, CA, and five test sites
- \$2.3 billion FY05 operating budget

# Much of Sandia's homeland security work is focused in Catastrophic Event Mitigation



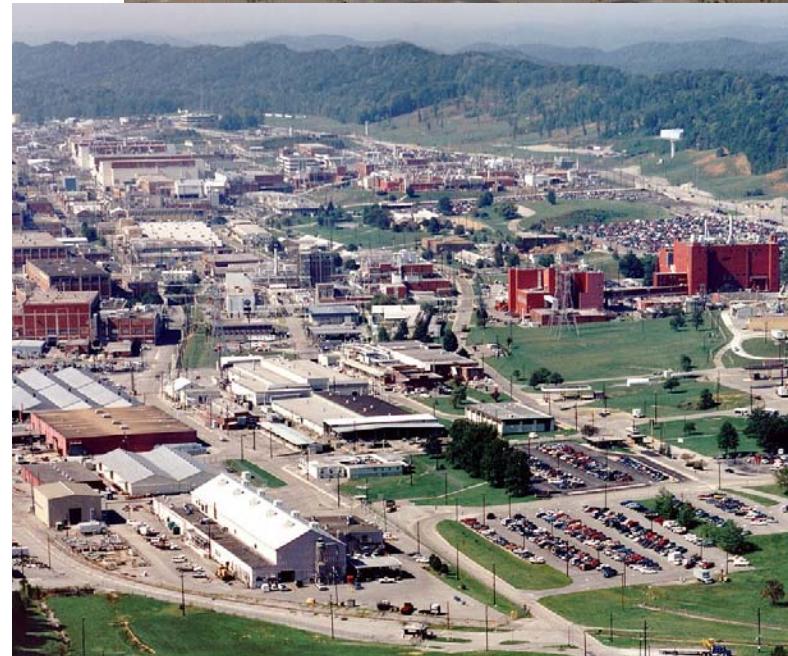
- Chemical and Biological Countermeasures
- Radiological and Nuclear Countermeasures
- Explosives Countermeasures
- Border and Transportation Security

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# **Sandia has been performing Venue Assessments and Protection for the DOE for over a decade**

**A critical part of our national defense mission is safeguarding high value assets and protecting the people that defend them.**



# We have applied our DOE venue assessment and protection expertise to the private sector

Sandia has applied the same principals used in performing DOE site assessments on office buildings, at sporting events, and transportation hubs



# **Chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive threats require different defense strategies:**

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## **Each threat poses a unique security challenge**

Chemical threats can be detected in real time so the goal is to detect to warn and treat the impacted population

Biological threats are detected post exposure so the goal is also to detect to treat

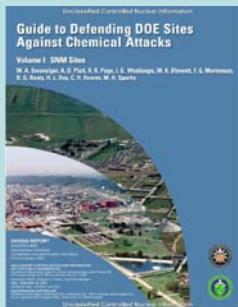
Radiological and Nuclear threats can be detected before used, so the goal is to detect to interdict

Catastrophic explosive threats may be detected before use, detect to interdict or detect to warn, but are best deterred with using standoff barrier methods

# Venue Assessment and Protection uses a single approach to protect against a range of threats

## Asset Protection

Protect people defending assets



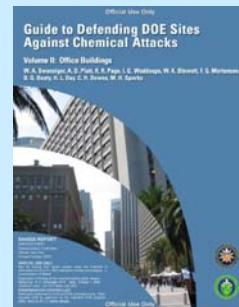
Critical Facilities



Critical Assets

## Life Preservation

Protect people



Office Buildings



Special Events

seconds

minutes

hours

days

# **Venue assessments and Protection uses a three step approach**

## **1. Prioritize the Threat**

- What are the most likely threats – what might a terrorist use
- Determine what is the greatest concern for venues – what are the specific threats and vulnerabilities for venues

## **2. Assess the Venue**

- What are the vulnerabilities – is there a need for additional security?
- Prevention and mitigation strategies - what can be done for little or no cost?
- Identify improvements and response plans for heightened security

## **3. Deploy Protective Measures**

- Develop specific response plans
- Support response training and exercises
- Provide special event support
- Recommend technology upgrades

# 1. Prioritize the threat

*What is the concern for your venue*

## **Viable threats:**

- Explosives
- Toxic Industrial Chemicals
- Chemical Warfare Agents
- Biological Agent
- Combination of Methods
- Radiological/Nuclear Device

## **Threat considerations:**

- Lethality
- Ease of access and use
- Dispersal methods
- Persistence
- Fiscal Impact
- Psychological Impact

## 2. Assessing the Venue; Gathering Data

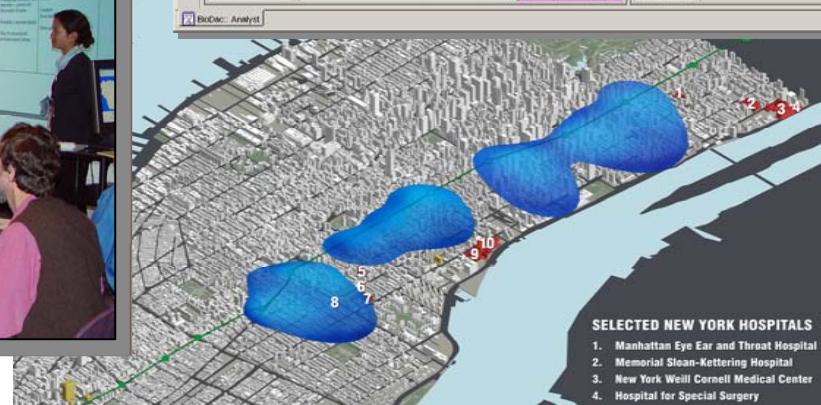
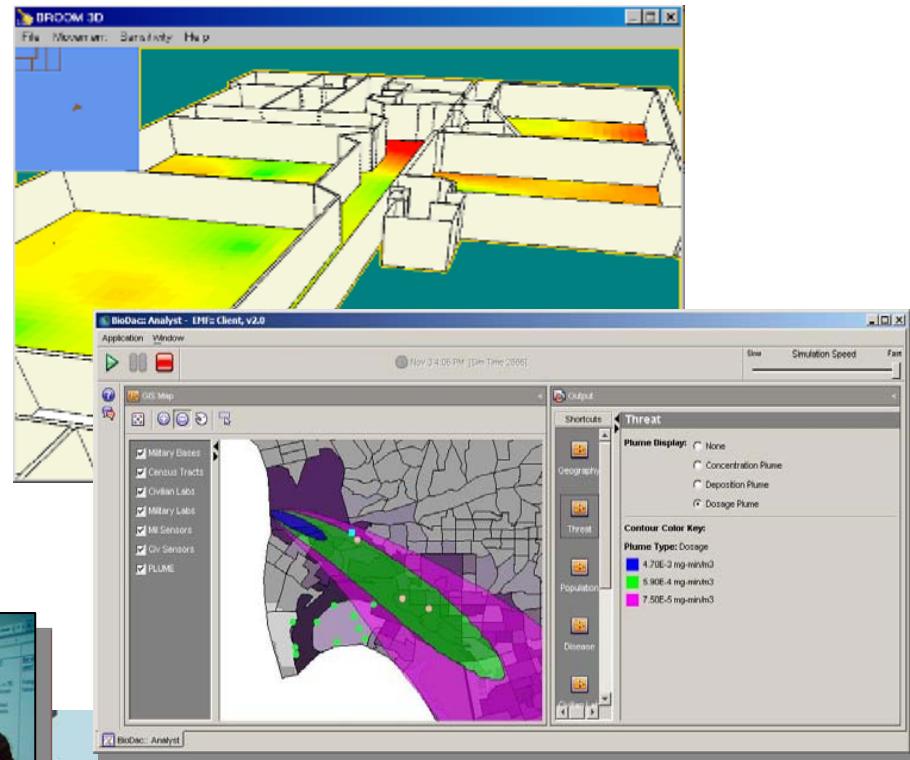
**Sandia uses a team of federal and civilian experts to perform venue assessments:**

- Potential Targets
- Force deployment/response
- Facility characteristics
  - Location of air intakes, mechanical equipment rooms, etc.
  - Air-change rates
- Relevant site characteristics
  - Meteorology
  - Terrain
  - Proximity to roads
  - Choke points



# Sandia has developed modeling and analysis tools that support venue assessments

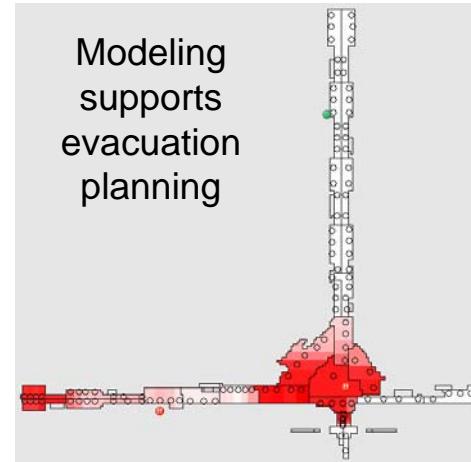
- Weapons of Mass Destruction Decision Analysis Center (WMD DAC )
- Reference Scenarios
- Risk analysis
- Catastrophic Event Simulation
- Dispersion modeling
- Reports from past assessments



### 3. Deploying Protective Measures

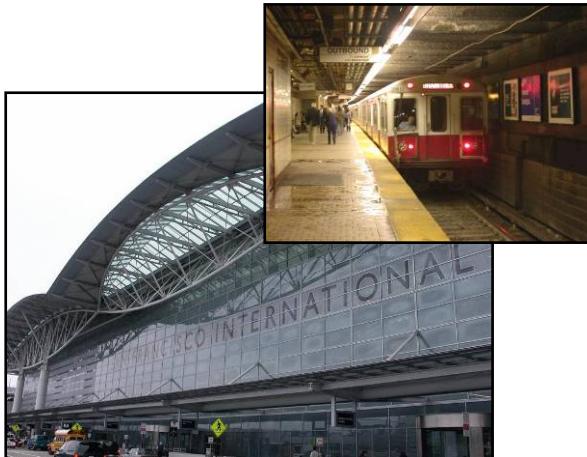
#### *Venue specific response plans*

- Response is the most important aspect of venue protection
- We develop response plans with responders
  - Use the results from the vulnerability and threat assessments
  - Develop threat specific actionable responses
  - Identify and document roles and responsibilities
  - Establish key points of contact and contact information
  - Share exercise results with stakeholders



# Deploying Solutions

## Leverage previous investments



PROACT and PROTECT – Chem/Bio Protection of Airports and Subways



Explosives Detection Portal



RDCDS – Deployable Chem Detection



Chem Restoration with other National Lab consortium



Liquid-Phase  $\mu$ ChemLab rapid, reliable identification of potential bioagent hazards

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# Outdoor events require careful siting and response planning

- Response planning – key to protection of people
- Venue Assessment – reduce vulnerabilities, drives sensor placement
- Deployment – multiple orthogonal detection technologies reduce system false alarms



# Indoor events require a completely different approach



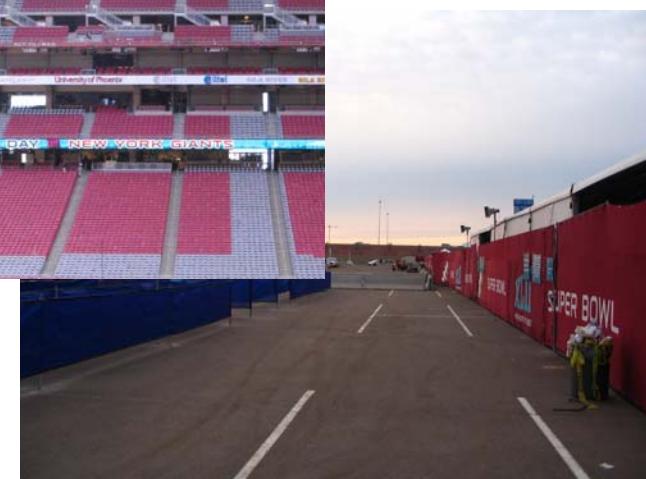
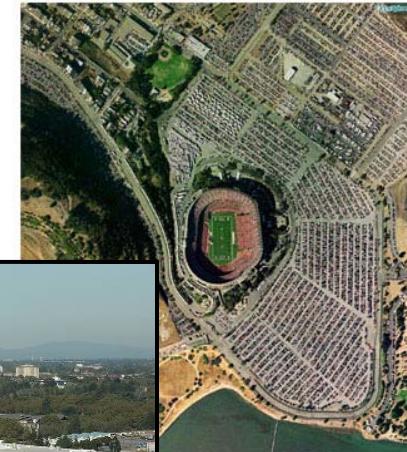
- Increased background chemical signatures
- Wireless communication challenges
- Air flow variations effect detector placement and response plans



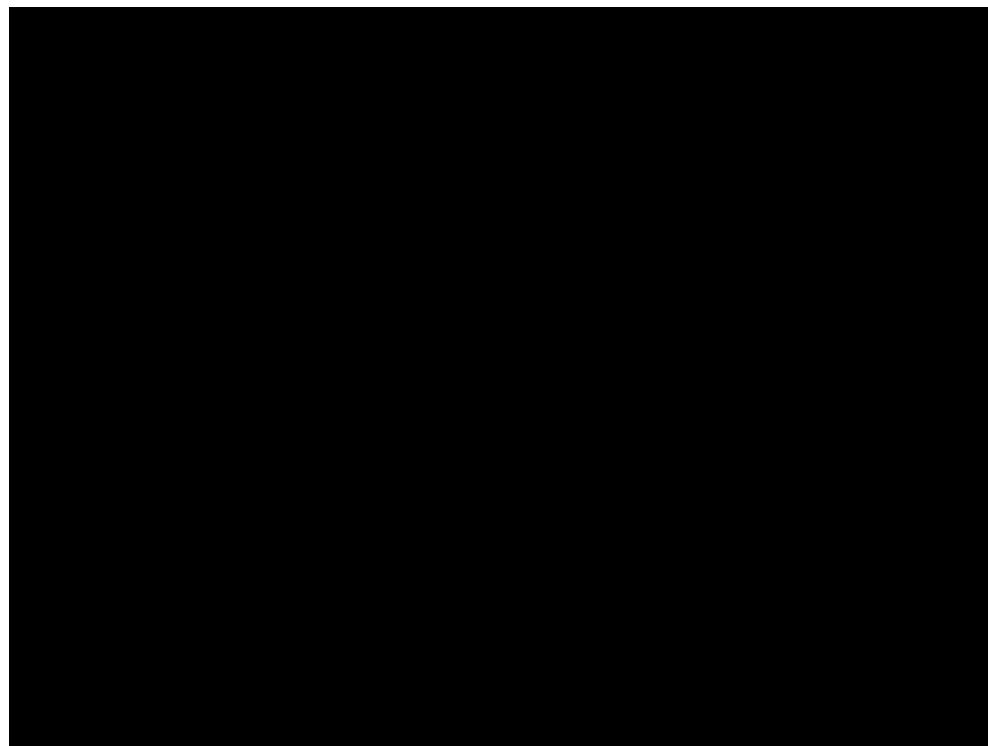
HP Pavilion, San Jose, Ca

# Large venues include indoor and outdoor events

- Resource limitations require careful vulnerability assessment
- Sensor placement and relocation are essential
- Wireless and cell phone communications requires careful evaluation
- Communications center must be versatile



# KPIX News Story



# San Francisco International Airport Deployment

## Goals

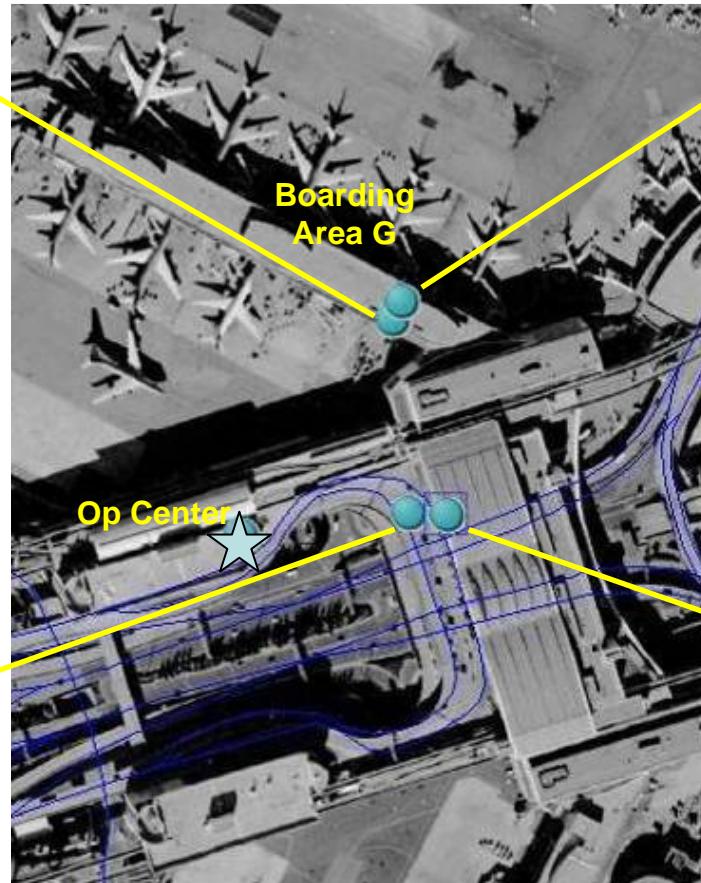
- Demonstrate indoor and outdoor chemical detection implementation
- Determine false alarm rate



# Result: No system false alarms



HVAC  
INTAKE



HVAC  
RECYCLE

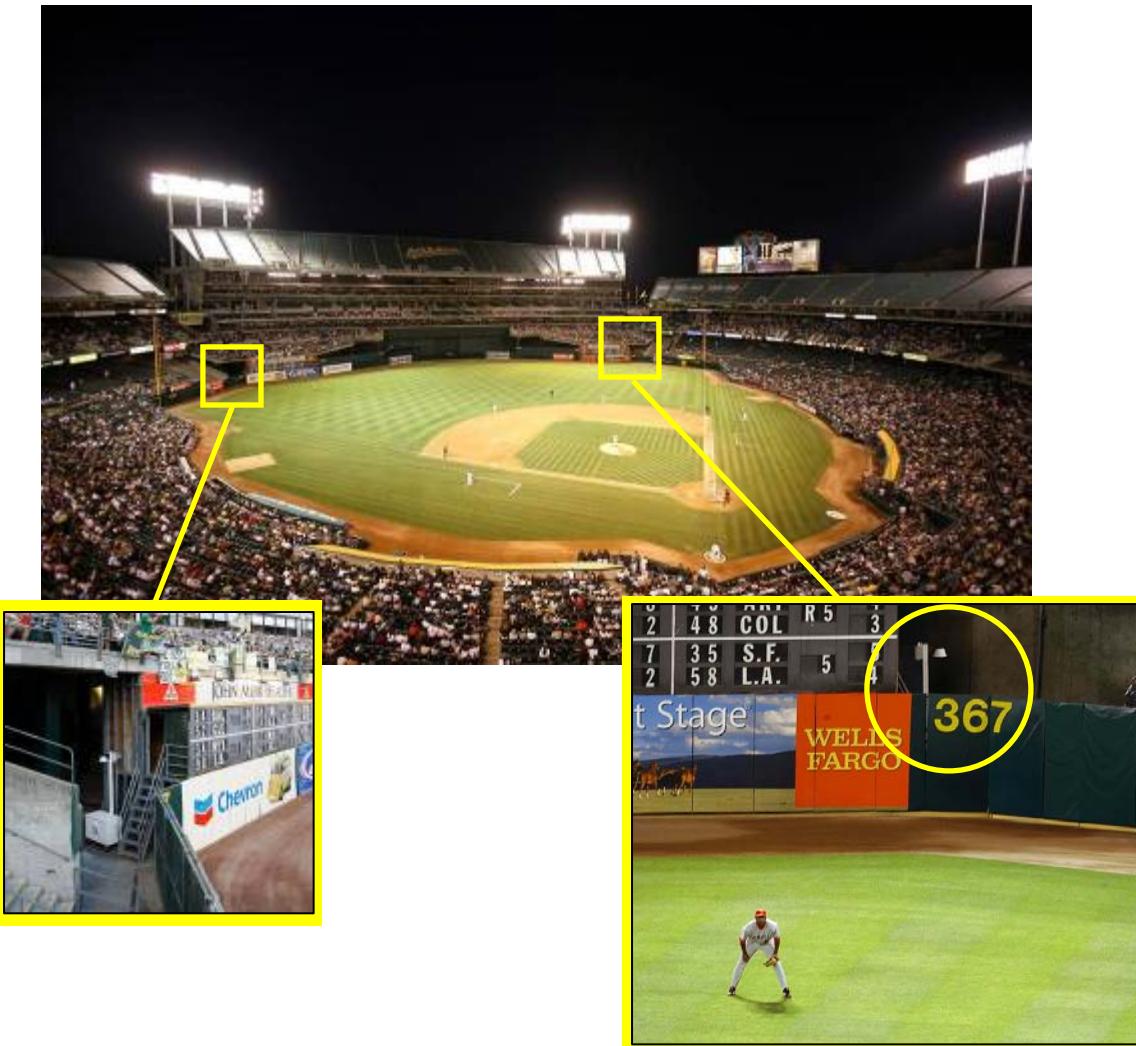


Passenger Drop-off



Ticketing

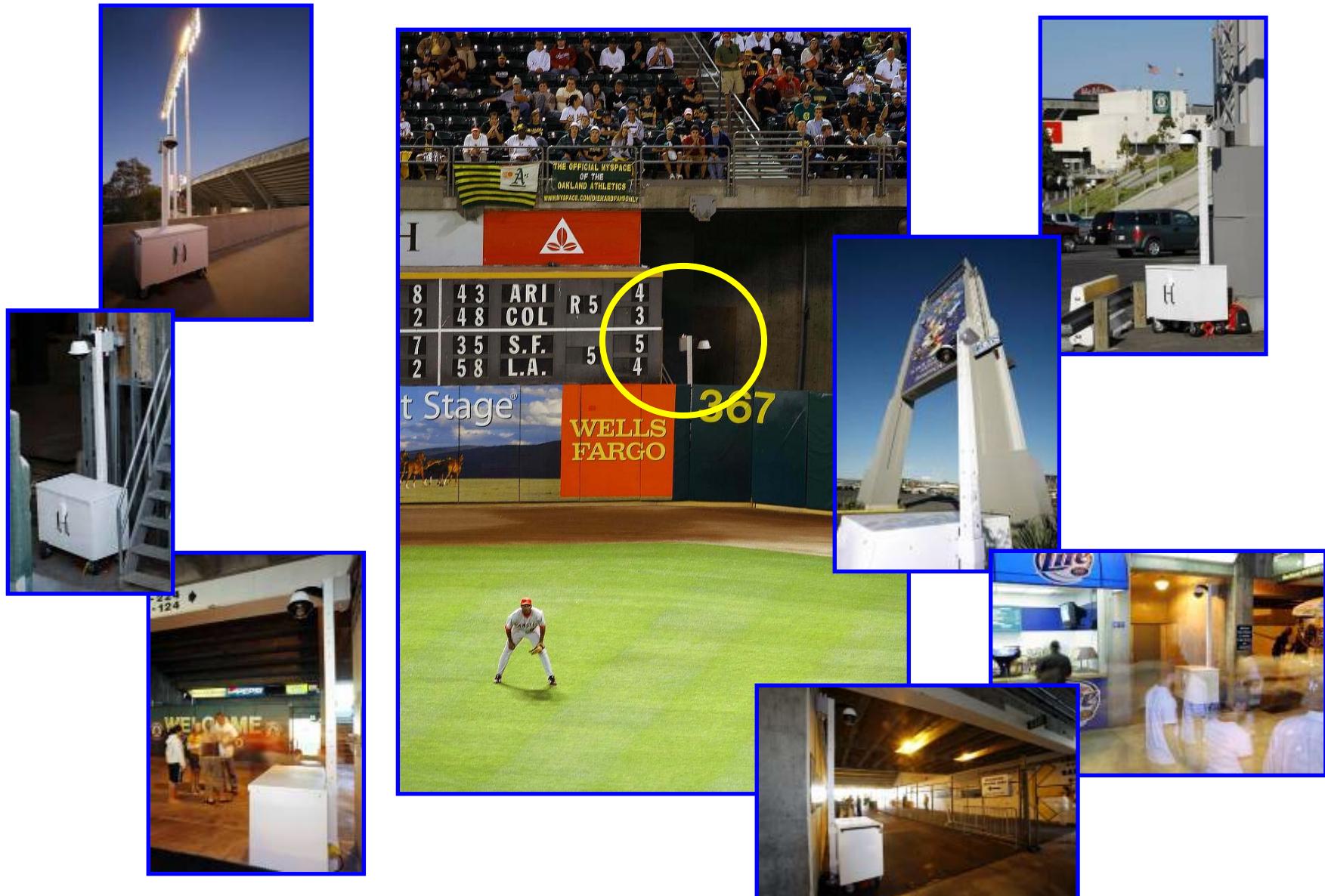
# McAfee Coliseum Deployment



## Goals

- Address and resolve operational issues
- Determine effect of interferences associated with venue-class

# No system false alarms, many nuisance detections



# Indianapolis 500 deployment

## Goals

- Demonstrate RDD protection for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway
- Develop architecture that is adaptable to other typed of venues including closed stadiums and open venues



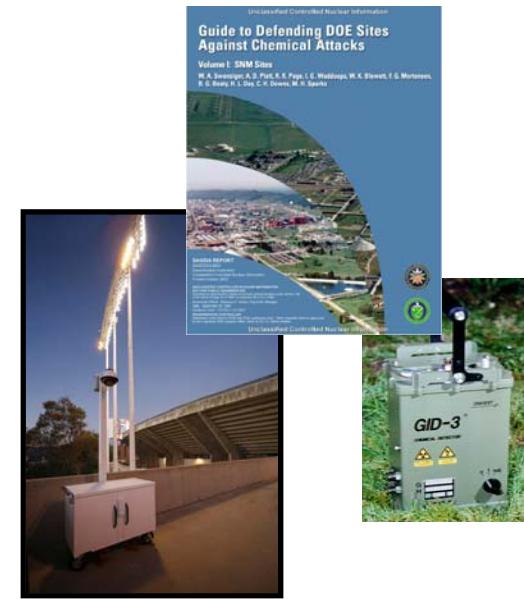
Indy 500 - largest single day sporting event  
~ 400,000 on race day

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# Venue Analysis and Protection capabilities range from recommendations to deployments

- **A system solution**
  - Awareness, training, education and response plans are as important as detection technologies for venue protection.
- **Phased approach to protection**
  - Threat characterization
  - Venue/Facility vulnerability analysis
  - Protective measures
  - Defensive architectures, training and effective response plans
  - Resource allocation
  - Detection technologies and responses
  - Restoration resources



# **What can Sandia offer for the Beijing Olympics?**

## **Venue Assessment, recommendations, and event support**

1. Vulnerability assessment through discussions, modeling and past experience
2. Protection prioritization recommendations
3. Resource optimization recommendations
4. Commercial detector recommendations
5. Detector deployment strategy consultation
6. Response planning and event protection logistics recommendations
7. Training and exercise support
8. On scene support during the Olympics

# A few venue considerations

- Indoor venues: HVAC systems are a vulnerability, protect them
  - Use physical barriers when possible
  - Don't allow parking near the intake
  - Avoid horizontal surfaces for intakes
  - Use video surveillance
  - Consider incorporating an HVAC shut-off switch
- All venues: For most chemical attacks people in distress will be the first sign of attack
  - Develop a response plan for choking crowd scenarios

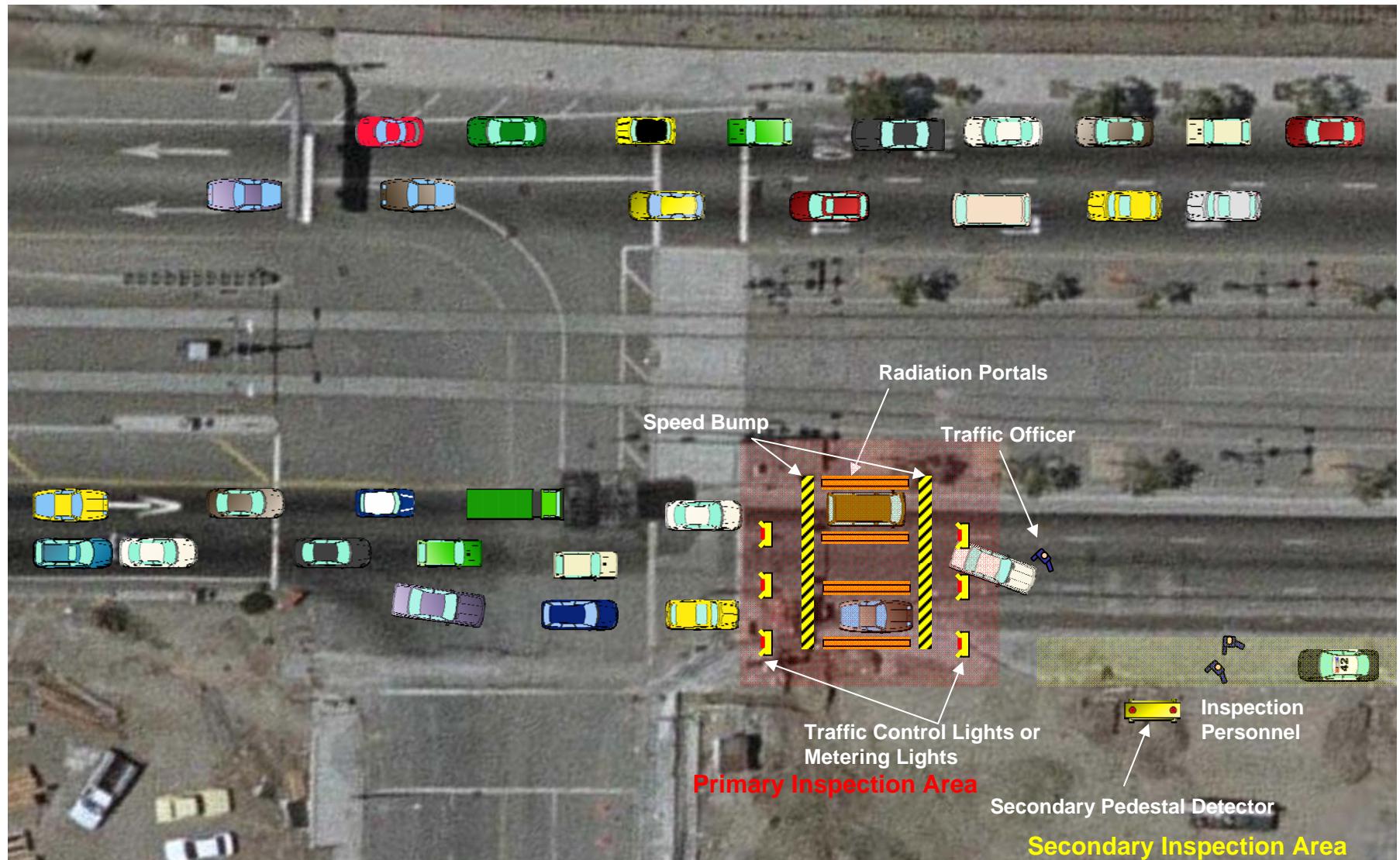
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# Systematic approach for Rad/Nuc venue assessment and protection

Each venue/special event analysis has five key elements

1. Geo-spatial analysis  
Natural/man made barriers, choke points, transportation modes, weather and climate, high value targets, other considerations
2. Adversary capability analysis  
Evaluate the threat devices and adversary tactics
3. CONOPS  
Type perimeter, resource/asset availability, numer and type of checkpoints (vehicle, pedestrian, train, etc.), perimeter sweeps
4. Detector performance  
Understanding detector performance (strengths and weaknesses against defined threat space), probabilities of detection calculations, nuisance alarm load potential
5. Security training  
General radiation training, physical threat descriptions, detector usage and capability, practical exercises

# Vehicle checkpoint CONOPS



# **Sandia's experience includes evaluation of detector technologies**



- Chemical Warfare Agent surrogates
- Toxic Industrial Chemicals
- Source term time of flight evaluation
- Air dispersion modeling validation

