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Emergency Preparedness Planning and Response

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- Emergency preparedness
- CBRNE (chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive) terrorism preparedness
- Health preparedness
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- Crisis communication and emergency public information
- Risk communication
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ORAU manages the Radiation Emergency Assistance Center/Training Site, a U.S. Department of Energy response asset, with medical personnel on call 24/7 to provide consultation or deploy to treat victims of radiation exposure worldwide. REACT/TS’ Cytogenetic Biodosimetry Laboratory is one of only a few labs worldwide able to assess the dose to individuals exposed to high levels of radiation.

Each year, thousands of people from more than 25 countries attend REACT/TS training. Visit our website for more information on the following courses as well as custom training options:

- Pre-Hospital Radiation Emergency Preparedness
- Radiation Emergency Medicine
- Advanced Radiation Medicine
- Health Physics in Radiation Emergencies
- Agents of Opportunity in Terrorism

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- California Emergency Management Agency’s Golden Guardian exercises
- International workshops for the U.S. Department of State’s Preventing Nuclear Smuggling Program
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Emergency Management Training

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ORAU provides direct forensic analytical support, consulting and training services for law enforcement and other organizations to support homeland security and military requirements. As one of the nation’s largest private employers of forensic scientists and other forensic specialists, our capabilities include:

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