



## Around the Region in Homeland Security October 2007

The Northwest Regional Technology Center (NWRTC) is a virtual resource center, operated by the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL), to support regional preparedness, response, and recovery. The center enables homeland security solutions for emergency responder communities and federal, state, and local stakeholders in the Northwest. This monthly status report summarizes activities related to Homeland Security in the Pacific Northwest, including Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska.

This issue highlights

- Planning for the Small Maritime Craft Rad/Nuc Detection Pilot Project
- Under Secretary Cohen's visit to the Northwest
- Regional input to the Integrated Chemical, Biological, Radiation, Nuclear, and Explosives Detection Program
- Northwest Warning and Alert Response Network plans for an ideal system
- Upcoming DHS conferences of interest to the region.

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### Small Maritime Craft Pilot Gets Underway

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO), working with the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), has established a pilot program in Washington State and California that will develop and enhance maritime preventive radiological and nuclear detection capabilities. The West Coast Maritime Pilot is part of a national program that partners with ports across the Nation to develop regional plans for reducing the risk of radiological and nuclear threats being illicitly transported on small vessels. On September 27, a subcommittee attached to the Area Maritime Security Committee and staff from the DNDO met to begin planning the Small Maritime Craft Radiation/Nuclear Detection Pilot Project. The subcommittee, chaired by Steve Stein, is composed of members that represent key public safety and harbor operations and will lead regional efforts supporting this DNDO pilot program. Tasks include developing the mission need statement; designing the system architecture; drafting the Conduct of Operations (CONOPS); planning equipment deployment, the integration of logistics systems, and training; implementing; testing and evaluating; modifying the CONOPS; and transferring the knowledge and capability elsewhere.





