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APRIL IS EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS MONTH

Emergency Communications Month recognizes and honors our nation's emergency responders and emphasizes the importance of emergency communications in building resilient critical infrastructure.

The Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency lists resources for critical infrastructure organizations which enable essential personnel to communicate when networks are compromised by weather, cyber incidents, simple human error, or any other reason.

Learn more here:

<https://www.cisa.gov/news-events/news/april-emergency-communications-month-0>.

DID YOU MISS OUR LAST WEBINAR?

“Leveraging OSINT to Mitigate FOCI Risks and Prevent Dual-Use Technology Diversion”

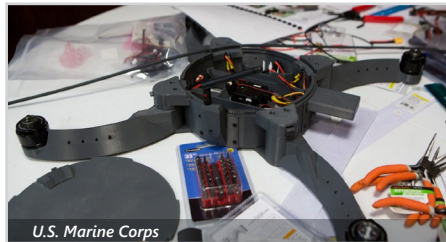
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NOTABLE TECHNICAL INQUIRY

What EPCRA Sections 301-303 plans are publicly available, and what are the homeland security risks to making them public?

EPCRA Sections 301-303 focus on chemical emergency preparedness and involve state and tribal emergency response commissions and local and tribal emergency planning committees. Emergency plans created under these sections are generally intended to be accessible to the public, with some exceptions for sensitive or classified information. The act's primary goal is to inform the public about hazardous chemicals in their communities and ensure that... [READ MORE](#)

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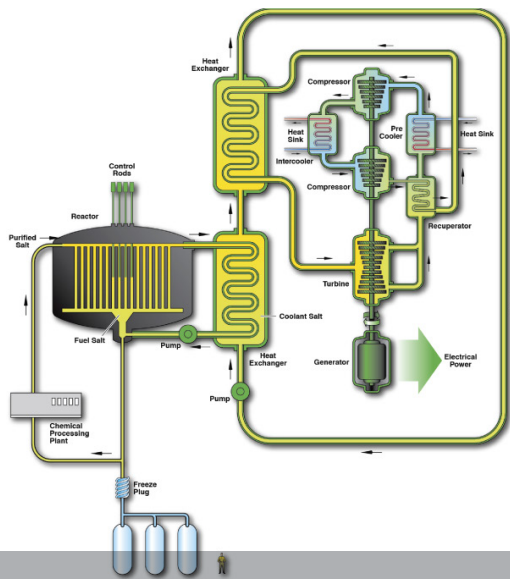
Terrorist Exploitation of Commercial Technologies and Implications for U.S. National...

COMING SOON
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Presenter(s): Austin Doctor, PhD

Host: HDIAC

The increasing sophistication and rapid democratization of commercial technologies raise new concerns for the future of terrorism, both in the near and long term. Many commercial technologies – such as unmanned systems, extended reality, artificial intelligence, the Internet of Things, and additive manufacturing – can be used as force-multiplying instruments in various terrorist activities, from radicalization and recruitment to... [READ MORE](#)



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HIGHLIGHT

Idaho National Laboratory Unveils First-of-a-Kind Molten Salt Test Loop

Idaho National Laboratory (INL) recently debuted a new molten salt test loop that will support the development of advanced reactors using molten salts.

It will also be used to help support the world’s first fast-spectrum, salt-fueled reactor experiment at the lab scheduled to begin in the 2030s.

Molten salt reactors use molten salt as a coolant and, in some instances, as a liquid fuel too. They offer enhanced safety features and operate at high temperatures to generate reliable and secure electricity, as well as process heat which can be used by industry. [LEARN MORE](#)

EVENTS

Military Health System Conference
 April 28–May 2, 2025
 Cleveland, OH

The 19th IEEE International Conference on Automatic Face and Gesture Recognition
 May 26–30, 2025
 Clearwater, FL

Energy Exchange
 August 5–7, 2025
 Anaheim, CA

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VOICE FROM THE COMMUNITY

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Adrian Self manages advanced technological research and development across multiple program areas at KSU’s National Agricultural Biosecurity Center. He also explores complex problems as a multidisciplinary strategist engaging at intersections of cyber-biosecurity, health security, and food and agriculture enterprise pathway resilience. His diverse industry and academic background includes economics research, investment analysis, risk underwriting, and hazard uncertainty calculus.

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- Can a collection of all Defense Technical Information Center records related to pathogens that impact food crops be provided?
- What companies are constructing/manufacturing modular biomanufacturing capabilities?
- What is the latest information on infectious disease prevalence in military recruits?

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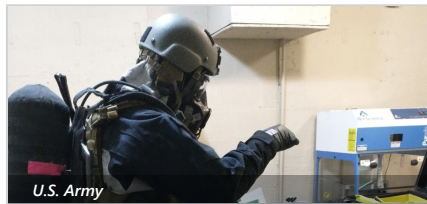
- What efforts are currently being worked for quantum antennas on U.S. Department of Defense platforms?
- Are there any active or recently completed U.S. Department of Defense projects on adaptive camouflage?
- What is the state of the art on methods for analyzing laser flash analysis data?

FEATURED NEWS

The Bionics for Veterans (BIOVET) Advanced Surgical Training: A Bridge Between Nations

Military and civilian medical professionals from across Europe and the United States gathered for a pioneering surgical and rehabilitative training event in Rome recently, focused on advancing limb restoration... [READ MORE](#)

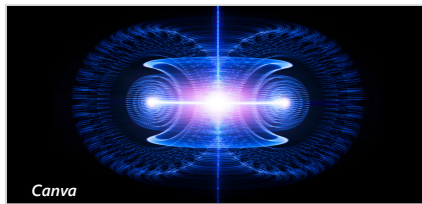
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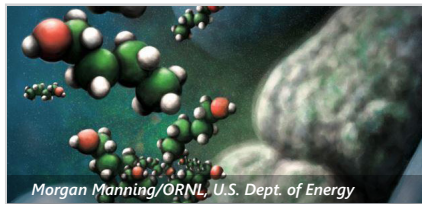
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Next-Gen Tactical Decision Aid: A Naval System-of-Systems Approach

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Solving a Molecular Mystery for Better Bioproducts

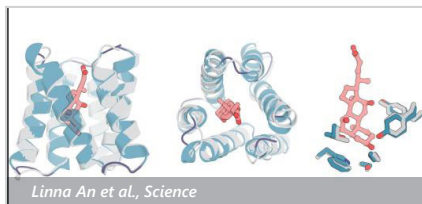
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Jairus Hines: Detecting Radiation With Drones

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