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Minnesota Takes Steps To Update Emergency Response

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October 3, 2008: The Minnesota State Department of Public Safety (DPS) recently purchased multiple WEATHERPAK[®] MTR systems in efforts to upgrade their emergency response units. The new WEATHERPAK[®] MTR, equipped with a gamma radiation sensor, will be replacing Minnesota's aging WEATHERPAK[®]s that were purchased from Coastal in 1993. These new systems will be distributed to Minnesota's Regional HazMat Response Teams, which consists of ten Chemical Assessment Teams and four Emergency Response Teams. These teams are strategically located throughout the state and provide immediate response to emergencies involving hazardous materials that threaten public safety.



Minnesota's WEATHERPAK[®] MTR upgrade will mark a 15-year continuing customer relationship with Coastal Environmental Systems. Most of the original WEATHERPAK[®] systems purchased by Minnesota are still functioning fine, but the state decided to upgrade the old systems in order to ensure usage of the most advanced hazmat response technology. The MTR helps bring responders into the 21st century by adding new features like GPS, barometric pressure sensor, gamma radiation sensor, and SmartDetect firmware that is capable of networking and displaying data from up to twenty additional WEATHERPAK[®]s. This ongoing product advancement along with their high production quality makes Coastal a reliable choice for Hazmat teams.

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