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Disaster Preparedness – Are You Ready?

Why Prepare for a Disaster?

Disasters of every kind disrupt hundreds of thousands of lives every year. Each disaster has lasting effects—people are seriously injured, some are killed, and property damage runs into the billions of dollars.

Being prepared and understanding what to do can reduce fear, anxiety and losses that accompany disasters. Communities, families and individuals should know what to do in a fire and where to seek shelter in extreme weather conditions that typically affect the area they live. (3L079)

All residents, when necessary should be ready to evacuate their homes, take refuge in public shelters and know how to care for their basic medical needs. (37154)

One simple recommendation from the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) is to prepare various disaster kits for use during these extreme conditions. A brief summary is listed below, and detailed information for preparing these kits is available at: <http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/>

- Water: An Absolute Necessity
- Food
- First Aid Supplies
- Tools and Emergency Supplies
- Sanitation and Hygiene Items
- Household Documents and Contact Numbers:
- Clothes and bedding

No one wants disaster to strike, but should it happen, we should all learn to be prepared and ready for the worst!

Three payroll numbers are included in this newsletter, if you see your number listed please call 376-4088. You just win a VPP Safety Prize!

Email Safety – Increasing Security and Awareness



Staff Guidance on Receiving External E-Mail Inquiries

VPP presents the following important message as a courtesy to PNNL Communications:

Due to the current security climate in the United States, staff should be alert to e-mail inquiries that come from any country outside of the U.S., sensitive or non-sensitive. Such inquiries should be forwarded to the PNNL Webmaster (webmaster@pnl.gov), who will ensure that the messages are reviewed and responded to as appropriate. There are several characteristics of messages that might help staff determine whether a message should be forwarded to the PNNL Webmaster. These include:

- Any content within the address information or message text that indicates the message comes from a foreign source. E-mail codes (e.g., “.ru” for Russia) may help determine where the message originated. (3h979)
- The sender does not appear to be in command of the English language.
- The sender inquires about aspects of research or PNNL work that are not publicly available.

For more information, or if you have questions, contact: PNNL Webmaster at webmaster@pnl.gov or Bernie Beldin on 372-6301 or Bernie.Beldin@pnl.gov.

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