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**TO: AWWA Leadership
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| Who: | U.S. Environmental Protection Agency |
| What: | Response Protocol Toolbox for planning and responding to contamination threats and incidents – Modules 5 & 6 |
| When: | Available immediately |

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on April 30 released the final two modules of its Response Protocol Toolbox to help water utilities plan for and respond to contamination threats.

The Public Health Response Guide (Module 5) and the Remediation and Recovery Guide (Module 6) round out the four modules released last year covering utility planning, threat management, site characterization/sampling and sample analysis. Intended for adoption on a voluntary basis, the toolbox modules were produced by USEPA in conjunction primarily with experts from Metropolitan Water District of Southern California.

The toolbox, along with other emergency preparedness tools, is available online at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/security/index.html#emergency>.

Questions can be directed to USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

For a wide range of AWWA security resources available to all utilities, visit <http://www.awwa.org> and click on the Drinking Water Security link.

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