

TASK FORCE MEETING 92-10

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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPECIALIST GROUP

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MULTI CASUALTY

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Work is continuing on development of the MC scenario which will be included as part of the MC OSD.

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