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DoT, HHS Release Electronic Guidebook for Dealing With HazMat Spills, Chem Fires

The U.S. Transportation and Health and Human Services departments have released an electronic guidebook to help emergency responders access information instantly following hazardous-materials spills and chemical fires.

Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administrator Ted Wilke announced on June 28 that responders for the first time will have electronic access through laptops and personal digital assistants to the 2008 Emergency Response Guidebook, under the joint effort between DoT and HHS. On the same day, DoT and HHS signed a new agreement to make the electronic guidebook possible.

“This new digital tool will give our police, fire fighters, and other emergency responders first on the scene the information they need to make the rapid-fire decisions necessary to protect the public and themselves,” said Wilke.

The software application, called Wireless Information System for Emergency Responders (WISER), will be available later this year.

For more on the Emergency Response Guidebook, visit:

<http://hazmat.doc.gov/pubs/erg/guidebook.htm>

For more on WISER, visit:

<http://wiser.nlm.nih.gov>



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