



A Leader in

Bioterrorism Response

and Facility

Decontamination



• WESTON RESPONDS TO ANTHRAX ATTACKS ON CAPITOL HILL



As part of the nation's response to anthrax attacks on the U.S. Capitol, WESTON was contracted by EPA to provide technical support during the investigation and decontamination efforts at several locations on and around Capitol Hill.

WESTON assembled an experienced team to provide continuous technical support (7 days per week, 24 hours per day for the duration of the project), including the following:

- Health and safety oversight support.
- HEPA, wipe, and air sampling technologies for anthrax.
- Personnel decontamination and critical item recovery.
- Construction oversight of isolation and decontamination chambers in anthrax-contaminated areas.
- Air monitoring for decontamination agents.
- Post-decontamination sampling and efficacy determination.
- Preparation of documentation.

Support required extended operations in Level D, Level C with Powered Air-Purifying Respirator (PAPR), and Level B personal protection.

WESTON personnel worked as an integrated team with EPA, other client contractors, and federal agencies providing technical support during the entire project. WESTON was an integral part of the development and implementation of standard operating procedures (SOPs) for anthrax investigation and decontamination in the only biological attack of this magnitude the world has ever seen. In the event of similar future biological attacks in the United States or anywhere else in the world, the plans and SOPs that WESTON developed and implemented on Capitol Hill will serve as the basis for response operations.

Because of our close involvement with this project and our hands-on experience with real-world anthrax investigations and decontamination, WESTON is truly a leader in bioterrorism response and consequence management.