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ECBC Team Helps Develop DR SKO Systems for U.S. Army *First delivery scheduled for September 2014*

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. – A full-spectrum set of detection, protection and decontamination equipment for use against chemical and biological hazards encountered on the battlefield has been developed for use by all four branches of the U.S. military.

The Dismounted Reconnaissance Sets, Kits and Outfits (DR SKO) was developed by the Joint Project Manager for Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Contamination Avoidance (JPM-NBC CA). The system provides a dismountable reconnaissance capability that meets the mission requirements of each branch of service. It was approved for full rate production by the Joint Program Executive Office for Chemical and Biological Defense (JPEO-CBD) in March 2014.

To develop the system, a team of scientists, engineers, logistics specialists and program analysts at the U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) helped determine the set of equipment and components that would complete the system for the range of military operations across all services. The final version of the system contains 32 major components; each has been packaged within one of 20 individual capability sets that can stand alone if needed.

First delivery is scheduled for September 2014 to the U.S. Navy. Deliveries begin in FY15 to the CBRN teams in the U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserve, U.S. Army National Guard, and U.S. Marine Corps. In subsequent years, the U.S. Air Force readiness teams will also receive the capability.

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