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**Cal/EPA Secretary Alan Lloyd Unveils Mobile Laboratory  
to Assist in Terror Attacks, Natural Disasters**

SACRAMENTO – California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) Secretary Alan Lloyd and Department of Toxic Substances Control Acting Director Leonard Robinson will unveil a mobile laboratory that has the capability to provide onsite laboratory analyses during a terrorist attack or natural disaster.

The primary uses of the lab are for homeland security in response to emergency events, such as chemical attacks, highway chemical spills, toxics released from fire or industrial incidents and natural disasters.

The mobile laboratory will be available to the media for mini tours on:

- **Date:** Thursday September 15, 2005
- **Time:** 12: NOON
- **Location:** California Environmental Protection Agency  
1001 "I" Street, Sacramento  
Mobile Lab will be located on 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
ER Team will be located in EPA Courtyard

The mobile lab is constructed on a Ford F550 Super Duty Chassis, with special modifications for emergency response. The unit includes separate and self-contained areas for preparation and analysis of toxic materials. A satellite system is also installed into the vehicle to transmit data from the unit to fixed laboratories, including the DTSC's Hazardous Materials Laboratory. The lab was built by ENG Mobile Systems Inc, a California based company, and funded by a federal grant.

Visuals: DTSC Emergency Response (ER) staff will provide a display of ER equipment in the courtyard and will provide information on sample collection, before taking the samples to the mobile lab for analysis. Reporters will see the samples delivered to the mobile lab and be able to tape how the samples are being analyzed.

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