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WATER SERVICES MANAGEMENT

SECURITY MANAGEMENT DETECTION AND RESPONSE TO EXTERNAL AGGRESSIONS

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Served population by UTILITALIA Members	
Water Services (drinkwater and wastewater)	76 %
Environmental Services (solid wastes)	65 %
Gas Services (natural gas distribution)	35 %
Electricity Services (producion and distribution)	20 %

UTILITALIA represents over 500 members with about 90,000 employees.

In the field of Water Services UTILITALIA is the Italian Member of:

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IWA (International Water Association)



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Infrastruxcture risks and exposure

Origins:

- ♦Natural hazards (flood, earthquake,...)
- Technological hazards
- People-generated unintentional hazard
- People-generated intentional hazard

Normally included in the emergence planning



By:

Criminal - insane

♦Terrorist

Military operation

External attack Possible targets

- Telecommunications Systems
- Electrical Power
- Oil & Gas
- Transportation
- Banking & Finance
- Water Systems
- Government Building
- Symbolic monument

Global Terrorism Database (GTD)

The *Global Terrorism Database* (*GTD*) is a database including information on terrorist events around the world from 1970 through today. The *GTD* includes systematic data on domestic as well as international terrorist incidents



Targets of terrorist attacks worldwide, 2015

Target Type	Number of Targets
Private Citizens & Property	4514
Police	2159
Business	1149
Government (General)	1136
Military	715
Terrorists/Non-State Militia	447
Religious Figures/Institutions	394
Transportation	381
Educational Institution	297
Utilities	255
Violent Political Party	161
Government (Diplomatic)	148
Journalists & Media	146
Other	145
NGO	53
Telecommunication	46
Airports & Airlines	23
Food or Water Supply	17
Tourists	7
Maritime	6
Abortion Related	5
Total	12204

Public services 86 attacks

External attack in Water Systems Possible ways







- Chemical
- Biological
- Radiological

History of attack against water supply



Water contamination in military operations was made by Assirian Romans, Greeks, Nowadays intentional water supply contamination in war operation was used in Kosovo (1998-1999)

Protocol on victime of war (Geneve 1949) prohibited attack against water supply (irrigation and civile uses)

WATER CONTAMINATION Italian Legislation - Penal Code



Art. 438 - Epidemy

Whoever causes an epidemy by pathogenic germs is sentenced to the life imprisonment.

Art. 439 – Water or Food poisoning

Whoever poison water or food before the consumption is sentenced to imprisonment not less than 15 years. If this fact provoques the death of more people it is life imprisonment.

INTENTIONAL DAMAGE TO WATER SYSTEMS Italian Legislation - Penal Code



Art. 427 C.P. - Damage followed by flooding, landslide or avalanche

Anyone who breaks, deteriorates in whole or in part, barriers, embankments, dams or other works designed to defend against water, avalanches or landslides, or to collect or conduct the water, for the sole purpose of damage, is punished, if from the fact comes the danger of a flood or a landslide, or the fall of an avalanche, with imprisonment from one to five years

DIFFERENT WAYS OF THREAT



IMPORTANCE OF INFORMATION AT THE BEGINNING

Nowadays anxiety and fear are considered a merchandise we can be selled by mass-media to the population/readers.

This is particulary true if our health can be involved in presence of invisiblee and unexpected events like water contamination.

We can't forgotten that the great part of events concerning water contamination terrorism are the oaxes.

Not only the real acts but also the simple spread of fear into the population (amplified by mass-media) can be a terrorist target.

COMUNICATION PROCESS AT THE BEGINNING



CONTAMINATION

Different agents and different risks

		Accessibility	Use and storage	Monitoring	Effects
С	Chemicals				
B	Bacteria				
	Virus				
	Toxins				
	Spores				
R	Radioactive				

Performances of contaminants



Time to outcomes of different agents



The Dilemma of Biological Agents: Pathogens

AGENT	TYPE	WEAPON-	WATER-	STABLE IN	INFECTIOUS	CHLORINE
		IZED	THREAT	WATER	DOSE	TOLERANCE
Anthrax	В	Yes	Yes	2 yrs spore	6,000	Spores resistant
Brucellosis	В	Yes	Probable	20-72 days	10,000	Unknown
C. Perfringens	В	Probable	Probable	Common in sewage	~500,000	Resi <i>s</i> tant
Tularemia	В	Yes	Yes	< 90 days	25	Inactivated, 1 ppm, 5 min
Shigellosis	В	Unknown	Yes	2-3 days	10,000	Inactivated, 0.05 ppm, 10min
Cholera	В	Unknown	Yes	"Survives well"	1,000	"Easily killed"
Salmonella	В	Unknown	Yes	8 days, fre <i>s</i> h water	10,000	Inactivated
Plague	В	Probable	Yes	16 days	500	Unknown
Q Fever	R	Yes	Possible	Unknown	25	Unknown
V ariola	V	Possible	Possible	Unknown	10	Unknown
Hepatitis A	V	Unknown	Yes	Unknown	30	Inactivated, 0.4 ppm, 30 min
Crypto- sporidiosis	Р	Unknown	Yes	Stable days or more	130	Oocysts resistant

The Dilemma of Biological Agents: Toxins	
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AGENT	WEAPON- IZED	WATER THREAT	STABLE IN WATER	ESTIMATED EFFECTIVE DOSE	CHLORINE TOLERANCE
Botulinum Toxin	Yes	Yes	Stable	0.07 mg	Inactivated, 6 ppm, 20 min
T-2 mycotoxin	Probable	Yes	Stable	None given	Resistant
Aflatoxin	Yes	Yes	Probably stable	2 mg	Probably tolerant
Ricin	Yes	Yes	Unknown	None given	Resistant at 10 ppm
Staph Enterotoxins	Probable	Yes	Probably stable	⁴ μg	Unknown
Microcystins	Possible	Yes	Probably stable	1 mg	Resistant at 100 ppm
Anatoxin A	Unknown	Probable	Inactivated in days	None given	Unknown
Tetrodotoxin	Possible	Yes	Unknown	1 mg	Inactivated, 50 ppm
Saxitoxin	Possible	Yes	Stable	0.3 mg	Resistant at 10 ppm

DISINFECTION EFFECT IN WATER



Terrorist threats against drink water years 1999 - 2000

Agent: poisonType of Event: hoaxA rumor that the city's water supply in Istanbul, Turkey, had been contaminated with an unknown poison reached the media.

Agent: unidentified chemicalType of Event: plotOn 19 June, the newspaper *Yidyout Ahranout* reported that members of Hamas, the Islamic Opposition Movement, had plans to poison waterSupplies in Israel with "chemical substances."

Agent: cyanideType of Event: use of agentOn 18 December, seven students at a law school in Springfield, Massachusetts, became ill after drinking water from a cooler that had been contaminated with potassium cyanide.

Agent: poisonType of Event: hoaxDuring the night of 31 December, individuals drove through the streets of Al Kosheh, Egypt, with a megaphone, warning that Christians had
poisoned the village's tap water in an effort to kill Muslims. The event was part of an escalating dispute between Muslims and Coptic Christians
in the village.

Type of Event: plotAgent: unknown poisonOn January 23, it was reported that Chechen rebels planned to poison unknown water sources in Chechnya, Russia, in order to harm RussianFederal Forces.

Type of Event: use of agentAgent: insecticideIn May 2000, the Anatolia news agency reported that a man was arrested for attempting to poison the water supply of the village of Kurusaray,
Turkey, with insecticide.

Type of Event: use of agentAgent: arsenicOn May 18, students at a university in Quebec City, Canada, were poisoned with arsenic by drinking coffee from a vending machine on the
campus. Police discovered a total of 150 milliliters of arsenic in the bottom of the reservoir tank.

Type of Event: use of agentAgent: sewer waterIn June 2000, Palestinian news sources reported that Israeli settlers from the Efrat settlement had deliberately released sewer water into
Palestinian agricultural fields in the village of Khadder in the West Bank.

Type of Event: use of agentAgent: kerosene and turpentineOn September 15, a day after residents in a condominium block in Singapore had complained of a strange odor in their water supply, it was
discovered that the water tank had been deliberately poisoned with kerosene and turpentine

EXPLOSIVES

Explosive matter



From *Explosives*, R. Meyer – 5th Edition

Attacks to the dams





Most dangerous attack to a dam - Second World War -



















Attacks to the other water infrastructures

IRAK Acqueduct of Bagdad 17 august 2003

A Rocked Propelled Grenade (RPG) damaged a 1.200 mm water pipe 300.000 people had a water loss for several days





Access and area control







CYBER-TERRORISM

The risks of Cyber-attacks

Email spamming



Transmission of Virus or Worms

Transmission of Troy (informatic spions)

Far modifying of WEB sites

SCADA Intrusion



Interdipendence between public utilities



Example of Cyber-Terrorism in Water SCADA

In Queensland (Australia), the 23 april 2000 police arrested Vitek Boden electronic technician dismissed by a telemetry company.

During two months he caused several environmental damages opening in random ways the gates of waste water pipes. He used an home-made apparatus with the same radio frequencies of Maroochy Shire Wastewater SCADA.



Cyber-Terrorism : counter-mesure

Antivirus (and antiworm) especially for networks that can be connected to the Internet

Updating of operating systems

Firewall protection systems

IDS systems (Intrusion Detection Systems) with 24-hour monitoring

Use of cryptography on transmitted data

Use of strong passwords and their modification over time

Strong authentication to access the consoles (smart-card, biometrics, ...)

Physical protection of transmission channels

Additional safety procedures on critical maneuvers

Activation of backup systems and disaster recovery plans

Termination disconnection not strictly functional to process control

QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE RISK: THE EMERGENGY PLANNING

Why do an Emergency Planning?

- It's our responsibility as managers of public service
- The health and the safety of citizens depend by our technical preparation and organization
- Because none of us have a crystal ball



RISK = PROBABILITY x CONSEQUENCE



STRATEGIES OF RISK REDUCING

Prevention











Prevention strategy: an example





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Air Temperature



Mitigation strategy: an example



In USA after 11 september disinfection plants changed from gas chlorine to NaClO or UV

Risk Assessment Process



Check list

Information/Storage/Computers/Controls/Maps

Security of the system, including computerized controls like a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, goes beyond the physical aspects of operation. It also includes records and critical information that could be used by someone planning to disrupt or contaminate your water system.

QUESTION ANSWE		COMMENT	ACTION NEEDED/TAKEN
36. Is computer access "password protected?" Is virus protection installed and software upgraded regularly and are your virus definitions updated at least daily? Do you have Internet firewall software installed on your computer? Do you have a plan to back up your computers?	Yes 🗆 No 🗆	All computer access should be password protected. Passwords should be changed every 90 days and (as needed) following employee turnover. When possible, each individual should have a unique password that they do not share with others. If you have Internet access, a firewall protection program should be installed on your side of the computer and reviewed and updated periodically. Also consider contacting a virus protection company and subscribing to a virus update program to protect your records. Backing up computers regularly will help prevent the loss of data in the event that your computer is damaged or breaks. Backup copies of computer data should be made routinely and stored at a secure off-site location.	
37. Is there information on the Web that can be used to disrupt your system or contaminate your water?	Yes 🛛 No 🛛	Posting detailed information about your water system on a Web site may make the system more vulnerable to attack. Web sites should be examined to determine whether they contain critical information that should be removed. You should do a Web search (using a search engine such as Google, Yahoo!, or Lycos) using key words related to your water supply to find any published data on the Web that is easily accessible by someone who may want to damage your water supply.	
38. Are maps, records, and other information stored in a secure location?	Yes 🗆 No 🗆	Records, maps, and other information should be stored in a secure location when not in use. Access should be limited to authorized personnel only. You should make back-up copies of all data and sensitive documents. These should be stored in a secure off-site location on a regular basis.	
39. Are copies of records, maps, and other sensitive information labeled confidential, and are all copies controlled and returned to the water system?	Yes 🗆 No 🗆	Sensitive documents (e.g., schematics, maps, and plans and specifications) distributed for construction projects or other uses should be recorded and recovered after use. You should discuss measures to safeguard your documents with bidders for new projects.	

Basic wellfield security measures



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Planning of different activities

Using suitable technologies against vandals

Reinforcing anti-intrusions systems BEFORE

Protects the critical informations

Increase control of water quality

Rule of communication in critical situation







Emergency water supply plan

Decontamination and recovery plan





Distribution of drinking water in emergency conditions



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TOP TEN LIST



Prepare (or update) an emergency response plan. Make sure all employees help to create it and receive training on the plan;



Post updated emergency 24-hour numbers at your facilities in highly visible areas (pumphouse door, vehicles, office) and give them to key personnel and local response officials;



Get to know your local police and ask them to add your facilities to their routine rounds. Practice emergency response procedures with local police, emergency response and public health officials:

Fence and lock your drinking water facilities and vulnerable areas (e.g. wellhead, hydrants, manholes, pumphouse, and storage tanks):



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Lock all entry gates and doors and set alarms to indicate illegal entry. Do not leave keys in equipment or vehicles at any time:



Install good lighting around your pumphouse, treatment facility and parking lot;



and interconnections; **Use** your Source Water Assessment information





LOCK monitoring wells to prevent vandals or terrorists from pouring contaminants directly into ground water near your source. Prevent pouring or siphoning contaminants through vent pipes by moving them inside the pumphouse or treatment plant, or if that isn't possible, fencing or screening them; and



In case of an emergency, first call "911," then follow your emergency response plan.

Simple and easy rules for medium-little aqueducts

(by EPA – New England)

... maximize use of backflow prevention devices ...

Work made in Italy

In the 2005 it was created a working group composed by: - Ministery of Health

- Central Institute of Health
- Utilities

This collaboration has produced guidelines contained in a manual containing:

- Risk analysis
- Prevention techniques
- Water monitoring
- Agents and countermeasures
- Emergency managing
- Information's protection about aqueduct

MISURE DI PREVENZIONE E DI SICUREZZA DEI SISTEMI ACOUEDOTTISTICI NEI CONFRONTI DI POSSIBILI ATTI TERRORISTI







Ministero della Salut



Work made in Italy

Protocol of collaboration with the Civil Protection (organ of the Council of Ministers) to face any important emergency concerning the water services and others services.

Signed 24 maggio 2016





Protocollo d'intesa

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Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri Dipartimento della Protezione Civile

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The better paths to true Disaster

- It can't happen here
- We don't have time to plan
- We're too busy
- We have a plan in a drawer
- It's not our job
- We didn't think of it
- Let sleeping dogs lie



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