

# Boston Public Health Commission



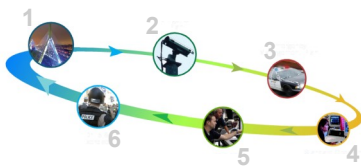
The National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratory (NEIDL) is part of a national network of secure facilities that study infectious diseases occurring naturally or through bioterrorism. The Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) sought the assistance of Fortress to analyze applicable regulations and review the emergency response program elements in support of BPHC’s certification for this laboratory.

**National Emerging Infectious Disease Laboratory Emergency Planning**

**STATUS:** In Progress  
**LOCATION:** Boston, MA

Fortress performed a NIMSCAST assessment on the NEIDL’s emergency preparedness program that identified the need to organize the relevant emergency preparedness regulations into a Crosswalk Matrix. This matrix then served as the regulatory foundation for the emergency preparedness program. Fortress then solicited and incorporated comments from public safety agencies, Boston Public Health Commission and Boston University.

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- ✓ 1. Threat & Vulnerability Assessments
- ✓ 2. Mitigation Planning
- ✓ 3. Emergency Management Planning
- ✓ 4. Standard Operating Procedures
- ✓ 5. Training
- ✓ 6. Drills & Exercises

Fortress is currently reviewing the NEIDL’s **Emergency Operations Plan** for compliance to FEMA/DHS guidelines related to the Comprehensive Preparedness Guide 101 standard and will be reviewing **key position procedures** for NEIDL personnel, procedures for public safety agencies, as well as developing procedures for key BPHC positions. In addition, Fortress will also review the **training and drills/exercise programs** at the NEIDL to ensure the integration of all emergency preparedness program elements.



Fortress’ time-tested approach in evaluating emergency preparedness programs provides a common foundation for all of the agencies which would respond to an incident or emergency at the NEIDL. Finally, the emergency preparedness program will allow the Boston Public Health Commission to more easily regulate the laboratory’s operations through the use of the Crosswalk Matrix and the knowledge that the emergency preparedness program is built in compliance with the prevailing regulations, guidance and best practices.