

Q&A

- **U.S. EPA:** Is this still in its ideation phase?
 - **Kate McCarthy-Barnett:** PRISM just came out this past year; the next phase will be looking at the further research regarding this.
- **U.S. Department of Homeland Security:** We are working on updating our nuclear detonation planning guidance; many people are going to leave the area. We are finding that the message of what to do regarding decontamination might be one of the biggest opportunities for improvement. So, it might be that messaging about what to do when you get home or return to your business would be more advantageous to these populations as opposed to relying only on decontamination corridors and first responders to decontaminate completely.
 - **Kate McCarthy-Barnett:** To provide messaging without the research to back it up is where the gap is. We want to give that messaging but make sure it has backing in research.
- **Indianapolis Fire Department:** Did you consider trauma triad and decontamination-induced hypothermia in these populations? Are we doing more harm than good using water on these populations?
 - **Kate McCarthy-Barnett:** That is interesting, but right now the research says to prioritize certain populations over others, when there is no research to back that up. If it is, in fact, the case that risk increases in certain populations, yet the elderly is being encouraged to go through first with children, these are the kinds of things we need to answer with research.
- **Advancia Corporation:** Did you consider how the methods carry over from evacuation procedures? Sometimes, they might have used a different chair to evacuate them from a building.
 - **Kate McCarthy-Barnett:** Again, on evacuation chairs, there is still no standardization – that is another area: evacuation. It is separate from this but is another area of research taking place. There is lots of overlap.