Position Statement Concerning

THE PUBLIC HEALTH SECURITY AND
BIOTERRORISM PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE
ACT OF 2002

In pursuit of the stated goals of the American Backflow Prevention Association (ABPA) of protecting the quality and integrity of clean drinking water, the Board of Directors believes that a Position Statement regarding improvement of the ability of the United States of America to prevent, prepare for, and respond to bioterrorism and other public health emergencies is essential.

The Bioterrorism Act of 2002 defines terrorism as an “attack or other intentional acts intended to substantially disrupt the ability of the system to provide a safe and reliable supply of drinking water; or otherwise present significant public health concerns.”

Therefore, the ABPA, in support of the Safe Drinking Water Act (amended Sec. 1434, titled Contaminant Prevention, Detection, and Response) will assist in providing notice to operators of public water systems, and individuals served by such systems, of waterborne contaminants and the possible effect of such introduction on public health and the safety of drinking water. The ABPA will also provide methods and means for developing educational and awareness programs for all water systems.

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