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DTRA/SCC PARTICIPATES IN “UKRAINE 15” CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT EXERCISE

FORT BELVOIR, VA – DTRA/SCC was part of exercise “UKRAINE 15” held near L’viv, Ukraine 21-24 Sept 15. This consequence management, field training exercise was jointly organized by the Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre (EADRCC) and Ukraine, the hosting nation. Along with Ukraine, over 30 other partner nations participated in the event. The exercise consisted of a training program, a command post exercise and an all-hazard field training exercise. The exercise scenario was based on a mine collapse and subsequent chemical and radiological incidents, as well as transportation accidents near the city of L’viv, a major population center of the country.

Joining Ukrainian president Petro Poroshenko and NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg at “UKRAINE 15” was DTRA/SCC Director, Mr. Kenneth Myers who commented on his Agency’s involvement by saying “DTRA is very proud to be assisting the EADRCC and the country of Ukraine as part of this exercise. The expertise we provide will heighten the awareness of the participants and enhance the realism of the scenarios. We want to assist in the training program here to ensure that the Ukraine State Emergency Service is well prepared to deal with all types of disaster scenarios, and promote interoperability between NATO Allies and partner nations.”

DTRA/SCC is supporting EUCOM and NATO by assisting in exercise planning and CBRN military and civilian assistance analysis and technical assistance with foreign civilian agencies, where most first responders and hazardous material teams reside. The overall exercise objective is to assist national authorities in building resilience and strengthening their capabilities to manage civil emergencies. Additionally, the exercise aims to ensure the international response community is interoperable and capable of coordinating incident management operations. Ten Agency individuals will participate in the exercise, providing expertise in exercise development and control, emergency management planning, CBRNE scenario design and public communications.

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