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1. Complete a vulnerability assessment (VA). Many VA tools are available; Northeast Rural Water Association can offer training assistance on these.
2. Complete an emergency response plan (ERP) based on the VA.
3. Coordinate with your Local Emergency Planning Committee.
4. Submit a VA **and** a certification letter to EPA, **not to your state primacy agency**.
5. Submit ERP certification letter to EPA. (**DO NOT** send the ERP. Check state requirements for submission of ERP to the state primacy agency.)
6. Keep copies of everything sent to EPA. Law requires you to keep ERP for 5 years.

Vulnerability Assessment	Emergency Response Plan
 <p>Security Vulnerability Self-Assessment Guide for Drinking Water Systems Serving Populations Between 3,300 and 10,000 in Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Vermont</p>   <p>Association of State Drinking Water Administrators National Rural Water Association November 13, 2002</p>	  <p>Rural & Small Water and Wastewater System Emergency Response Plan Template</p> <p><small>This template is designed to be a guide for Emergency Response Planning. It is not an all inclusive document and each state may have specific requirements.</small></p>  <p>National Rural Water Association 2015 South 11th Street Durham, NC 27533 919-222-0629 www.nrwa.org</p>
<p>www.neruralwater.org or Contact NeRWA for technical assistance</p>	<p>www.neruralwater.org or Contact NeRWA for technical assistance</p>

VA Certification Letter Must Include:

- PWS ID, system name, and address.
- Name of person signing letter, address and phone.
- If applicable, fax and email of person signing.
- Language in letter that you, *“certify to the Administrator that the system has conducted a vulnerability assessment that complies with Section 1433(a)(1) of the 2002 Bioterrorism Act.”*

ERP Certification Letter Must Include:

- PWS ID, system name, and address.
- Name of person signing letter, address and phone.
- If applicable, fax and email of person signing.
- Language in letter that you, *“certify to the Administrator that the system has prepared or revised an emergency response plan that incorporates the results of the vulnerability assessment and the plan includes actions, plans, procedures, and identification of equipment and other requirements in Section 1433(b) of the 2002 Bioterrorism Act.”*