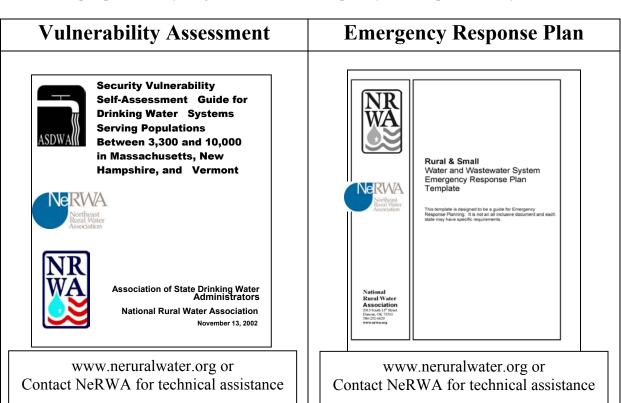


## What Should I Do To Comply with the 2002 Bioterrorism Act?

- 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.



## 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."