

MONITOR THESE ICAM TIPS!



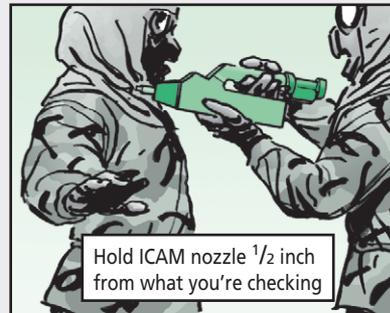
Dear Editor,

We are instructors at the U.S. Army CBRN School at Ft Leonard Wood. These are a few of the tips we give our students on how to get the most out of their ICAMs (Improved chemical agent monitors).

● Remember that the ICAM is just the opposite of the ACADA when it comes to testing. For the ICAM, test first in the H mode, then in G.



- Use a nozzle filter to prevent contamination.
- The ideal distance from what you're checking is 1/2 inch from the ICAM's nozzle. If you're checking a person, move the ICAM horizontally and slowly. When you get to the person's torso, move the ICAM in a zigzag motion to slowly work completely down his body. It's best to monitor with two Soldiers—one checks the front of the person, the other the back. Don't forget to check the boot soles. The person could have stepped in agent.



- Use the ICAM's strap while you're monitoring. It gives your arm support and helps keep your hand steady.
- Don't kneel while monitoring. You could accidentally contaminate yourself.
- Remember to reinstall the nozzle protective cap when you're not using the ICAM. When you're operating, put the cap on the environmental cap at the rear of the ICAM so it won't get lost.
- Let the ICAM clear down before you shut it off. That will save time next time you operate.

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Editor's note: These are can-do ideas for your ICAM. Thanks for the help.

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CARDS IN WRONG ORDER



*JOINT BIOLOGICAL POINT DETECTION SYSTEM BIOLOGICAL INTEGRATED DETECTION SYSTEM

The training box has five carrier cards that yield a positive identification and 10 that produce a negative identification.

The positive cards should be in the 3, 6, 9, 12 and 15 positions in the box. But, due to a packaging error, some of the boxes have the positive cards in the 1, 4, 8, 11 and 13 positions, which could lead to unexpected readings.

Positive and negative cards can be moved around in the deck to support the training mission. Before you train, check that the positive cards are where you want them to support your training. The positive cards are labeled POSITIVE on their left side.

