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### Disease Occurrence -- Worldwide

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#### General

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### Iraq

(U) **Disease:** Diarrhea - cholera

(b)(3):10 USC 424;(b)(3):50 USC 3024(i)

(U) **Date:** Ongoing since March 2003

(U) **Location:** Al Basrah and As Sulaymaniyah Governates

(U) **Summary:** Despite earlier reporting of an outbreak of "blackwater fever" in Al Basrah, [Redacted] now attribute the outbreak to cholera. Water supplies have been severely degraded throughout Al Basrah since 22 March. The number of cases is unspecified, but deployment of supplies sufficient to treat 1,000 people is awaiting stabilization of the city. The area around the city has a history of severe outbreaks of cholera even during peacetime.

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(U) **Assessment:** Cholera and other diarrheal diseases are to be expected in areas that have inadequate supplies of potable water. Numbers likely will increase until potable water and other humanitarian aid

supplies are able to reach the populace.

**(U) Potential Risk to US Forces:** Infrequent or sporadic numbers of personnel consuming local food, water, or ice could develop symptomatic infection.

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