

April 27, 2000

Thomas Black  
DP-23  
U.S. Department of Energy  
19901 Germantown Road  
Germantown, MD 20874

Dear Mr. Black:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you additional information on the Tabletop Emergency Exercise (TTX) in Lynchburg, Virginia on May 24, 2000 (named "Cavalier Challenge"). "Cavalier Challenge" will begin at 10:00am and terminate at approximately 4:30pm on Wednesday, May 24. It will be divided into two parts and the NRC is relying upon the DOE's participation in both parts. Part One will include presentations by participating organizations on their Concept of Operations for responding to a suspected terrorist or criminal threat/incident with significant consequences at an NRC licensed facility. DOE is requested to provide approximately a 20-minute presentation (including questions and answers) during Part One. Part Two will include implementation of an exercise scenario that will involve players responding in their respective roles, followed by a brief critique. Part Two will be divided up into the following three focus areas: (1) notifications and assessments, (2) activation and deployment, and (3) response operations. The interfaces between the various Federal agencies and the Federal agencies' interfaces with State and local first responders will be examined. Participants will include moderators, players, support personnel, recorders and observers. The scenario is not expected to include discussion of any classified or sensitive unclassified information.

You are requested to represent DOE as a player. The scenario will include the potential for offsite consequences but, due to time constraints, will not include any actual offsite consequences. NRC, FBI, and most other participants will include several support personnel on each of their teams. DOE is requested, if possible, to include the appropriate support personnel.

Participation by the NRC will include an NRC Commissioner, a Regional Administrator, and other senior NRC personnel. Participants from other agencies and organizations are expected to include BWX Technologies, the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), nuclear industry representatives, and State and local government representatives.

The exercise will be held in Ballroom A of the Holiday Inn in Lynchburg, Virginia. The hotel is located at 601 Main Street, Lynchburg, Virginia, and a group of rooms has been reserved for the participants. If you desire lodging, please call the Holiday Inn by May 12 at (804) 528-2500 and request a room in the NRC Group. The room rate is \$64.00 plus tax. During the exercise, a working luncheon buffet will be available in the ballroom at a cost of \$10.95 per person (tax and gratuity included). This cost is payable during exercise registration before the exercise begins.

T. Black

- 2 -

Please confirm your participation in "Cavalier Challenge" by calling or e-mailing Henry Bailey, NRC headquarters, (301) 415-7483, e-mail [hab@nrc.gov](mailto:hab@nrc.gov). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Bailey. We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

**(/RA by F. J. Congel)**

Frank J. Congel, Director  
Incident Response Operations

T. Black

- 2 -

Please confirm your participation in "Cavalier Challenge" by calling or e-mailing Henry Bailey, NRC headquarters, (301) 415-7483, e-mail [hab@nrc.gov](mailto:hab@nrc.gov). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Bailey. We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

*(/RA by F. J. Congel)*

Frank J. Congel, Director  
Incident Response Operations

DISTRIBUTION:

IRO R/F

CMiller

**ADAMS ACCESSION NUMBER:** ML003707580

To receive a copy of this document, indicate in the box: "C" = Copy without attachment/enclosure "E" = Copy with attachment/enclosure "N" = No copy

OFFICE	IRO	C	D:IRO	C				
NAME	HABailey:jc		FCongel					
DATE	04/25/00		04/27/00					

OFFICIAL RECORD COPY