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May 3, 2000

Mr. Steven M. Johnson
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

On May 24, 2000, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) will be sponsoring a tabletop exercise in order to examine the emergency response roles and responsibilities of responding organizations, and to evaluate the ability of the NRC, FBI, and other participants to respond to a threat or act of terrorism at an NRC-licensed facility. This exercise will aid us in examining the emergency response roles and responsibilities of all responding organizations.

Since any such acts would also invoke an appropriate response from officials of numerous Federal agencies, including the U. S. Department of Energy (DOE), I would like to formally invite you, and other members of your staff as you deem appropriate, to observe the upcoming joint tabletop exercise, "Cavalier Challenge," scheduled to be conducted in Lynchburg, Virginia, on May 24, 2000. For your information, we are also planning on conducting a joint field exercise in the vicinity of Erwin, Tennessee in August, 2000, and we look forward to DOE participation at that time.

Exercise participants include an NRC Commissioner, Regional Administrator, NRC, Region II, as well as other senior NRC managers, representatives of the FBI, U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the applicable State and local government officials, and nuclear industry representatives.

Cavalier Challenge is scheduled to commence at 10:00 a.m. (EDT) and terminate at approximately 4:30 p.m. (EDT) on Wednesday, May 24, 2000, and will consist of two major parts. Part one will include presentations by the players, not to exceed 20 minutes, by each of the participating organizations in which their respective 'Concepts of Operations' for responding to a suspected act of terrorism will be summarized. Part two will include the implementation of an exercise scenario that will involve players responding in their respective roles. Additionally, part two will be divided into the following three focus areas: 1) Notifications and assessments, 2) Activation and deployment, and 3) Onsite operations. A brief critique will be conducted subsequent to the conclusion of Parts one and two.

The joint table-top exercise will be conducted at the Holiday Inn, Ballroom A, Lynchburg, Virginia, located at 601 Main Street. A block of rooms has been reserved by the NRC for

anyone wishing to make reservations. Lodging arrangements can be made by contacting the hotel directly at (804) 528-2500 and request a room in the NRC Group. The room rate is \$64.00 plus tax, and the cut-off date for making reservations is May 12, 2000. In the interest of efficiency, a working luncheon buffet will also be available in the ballroom at a cost of \$10.95 per person, tax and gratuity included, payable in cash at the registration table at the outset of these activities.

Hopefully, your calendar will allow for you and/or other members of your staff to attend this exercise, and I look forward to your participation in the planned exercise scheduled to be conducted in Erwin, Tennessee in August 2000. We believe that our mutual participation in events of this nature will aid in further enhancing the common goal which we share of preserving public health and safety. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly, Jim Hufham or Bob Trojanowski, of my staff, if we can be of further assistance in this regard. Jim can be reached at (404) 562-4430; e-mail: jwh2@nrc.gov. Bob may be contacted as follows: telephone, (404) 562-4427; e-mail: ret@nrc.gov. Please confirm your attendance at "Cavalier Challenge" by contacting or E-mailing either Jim or Bob.

Sincerely,

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Luis A. Reyes
Regional Administrator

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