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MEMORANDUM TO: Richard H. Wessman, Director
Incident Response Operations

FROM: Joseph E. Himes, Emergency Response Coordinator *(/RA by J. E. Himes)*
Incident Response Operations

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF PUBLIC MEETING WITH THE UNION
OF CONCERNED SCIENTISTS (UCS) ON MAY 9, 2001

IRO held the subject meeting as announced. The following attended:

NRC:	Richard Wessman, IRO	UCS:	David Lochbaum
	Joseph Himes, IRO		
	Frederick Hasselberg, IRO	Scientech	
	William Beecher, OPA	(NEI):	Rosemary Reeves
	Beth Hayden, OPA		
	Tad Marsh, NRR		
	Daniel Barss, NRR		
	Thomas Bergman, OEDO		

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a UCS request about how the UCS and others can best obtain information that would be available to the media and the public during an emergency or during emergency preparedness exercises. Mr. Lochbaum stated that UCS was seeking to test its internal emergency response processes for gathering, analyzing, and redistributing information by interacting with NRC in conjunction with an NRC exercise. NRC provided an overview of agency emergency response operations that emphasized NRC's responsibility, as lead Federal Agency, to maintain a coordinated Federal response as it interacts with State, local, and other Federal authorities. A copy of the NRC presentation material is attached.

Mr. Beecher stated that the Office of Public Affairs would be the proper contact for UCS or other members of the public during an exercise or real emergency and that a technical assistant would usually be available. He also offered to fax simulated NRC press releases to UCS as a test during one exercise.

Mr. Lochbaum was agreeable to this arrangement. He and NRC staff also agreed to decide later on a mutually satisfactory exercise from the schedule that NRC provided.

Mr. Hasselberg explained some of the background information that can be obtained from NRC websites and how these websites are being restructured to make them more useful. Mr. Hasselberg then provided a tour of the Operations Center for Mr. Lochbaum and Ms. Reeves, during which he and other NRC staff provided more details of NRC response operations and exercises.

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