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Charles M. Hardin, Executive Director
Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD)
205 Capital Ave
Frankfurt, KY 40601

SUBJECT: SOLICITATION FOR CRCPD PARTICIPATION IN THE FEDERAL
RADIOLOGICAL PREPAREDNESS COORDINATING COMMITTEE "ONE
VOICE" INITIATIVE SUBCOMMITTEE

Dear Mr. Hardin:

As a result of the lessons learned from the Year 2000 Federal response and coordination effort, and the Federal response to the criticality event in Tokai-Mura, Japan, the Federal Radiological Preparedness Coordinating Committee (FRPCC) is pursuing an initiative which is referred to as "One Voice." The goal of this initiative is to enhance communication and coordination among the FRPCC member agencies such that the Federal government speaks in a consistent manner following peacetime radiological events. On June 27, 2000, a letter was sent from Dr. Frank J. Congel, former Director, Incident Response Operations (IRO), Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), to Mr. Russell Salter, Chairman, FRPCC. The letter formally requested the FRPCC Chairman to distribute the NRC suggestion for a "One Voice" initiative to the FRPCC members (17 Federal agencies), and to include it as a topic for discussion at the next FRPCC meeting. The letter also revisited the purpose of the FRERP which recognizes appropriate Lead Federal Agencies (LFA) for responses to both foreign and domestic events with potential radiological consequences.

The FRPCC Chairman added the "One Voice" initiative to the agenda for the September 20, 2000, FRPCC meeting. During this meeting, Dr. Charles L. Miller, former Deputy Director, IRO, briefed FRPCC members on (1) the purpose and justification for the "One Voice" initiative; (2) the Commission recommended for discussion; and (3) NRC's recommendations regarding this issue. As set forth in the June 27, 2000, letter to Mr. Salter, Dr. Miller also volunteered the NRC staff to chair an applicable committee or subcommittee that would be assigned or formed to resolve the pending issues and establish the appropriate protocols. The nine FRPCC members in attendance voted unanimously to assign the issue to the existing Response and Recovery Subcommittee. In addition, it was decided that an NRC representative would co-chair the subcommittee and that the co-chairmanship might switch to other agencies according to the issues.

It was also decided that subcommittee membership would include (at a minimum) representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Preparedness, Training, and Exercises group, FEMA's Response and Recovery group, and the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD). The CRCPD representative would speak for State interests. Representatives from various other LFAs, such as the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), stated that they too would plan to participate and would support the subcommittee in implementing the "One Voice" initiative. At present, the one-voice initiative

has representatives from NRC, FEMA, EPA, the Department of Energy (DOE), the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the Department of State (DOS).

The purpose of this letter is to cordially invite CRCPD representation in "One Voice" Initiative Subcommittee activities. Although the subcommittee's first meeting was conducted at the NRC office on April 27, 2001, we would welcome CRCPD participation at our June 5, 2001 meeting either in person or through teleconferencing. The following provides the information on the meeting.

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Duration: The meeting is currently expected to last for approximately 1-1/2 hours to 2 hours.

Where: The meeting is scheduled to be held in the NRC's Operations Center Conference Room (Room T-4-B3).

NOTE: This conference room is located on the fourth floor of the NRC's Two White Flint North (TWFN) building. The TWFN building address is 11545 Rockville Pike in Rockville, MD, and it is located across the street from the White Flint Metro Station (red line) just beyond the One White Flint North (OWFN) building. The TWFN building is darker in color and has fewer floors than the OWFN building.

Participants: We currently plan to have participation from NRC, FEMA, NOAA, EPA, DOE, DOS, and hopefully CRCPD.

Please accept my apology for the late notification of the meeting, and our forgetfulness on not inviting CRCPD to the April meeting. I was unaware of the fact that CRCPD was identified as a participant on the one-voice initiative until I fully read all of the background information. If you have any questions or require any additional information, please contact either me personally at jjh1@nrc.gov or (301) 415-7482, Jane Gunn at JEM1@nrc.gov or (301)415-6390, or Leigh Trocine LXT@nrc.gov or (301)415-6415.

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