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National Response Plan Implementation

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# Homeland Security

December 15, 2004

MEMORANDUM FOR: Distribution List

FROM: Tom Ridge 

SUBJECT: National Response Plan Implementation

On November 18, 2004, the Homeland Security Council Principals Committee approved the National Response Plan (NRP). The NRP is an all discipline, all-hazards plan that establishes a single, comprehensive framework for domestic incident management. The end result is vastly improved coordination among Federal, State, local, and tribal organizations to help save lives and protect America's communities by increasing the speed, effectiveness, and efficiency of incident management.

The full support and cooperation of Federal department and agencies is critical to achieve our goal of a safer, more secure America. To this end, the NRP includes an implementation schedule with specific requirements for Federal partners. At the same time, State, local, and tribal governments, other organizations and the private sector are encouraged to participate and take actions to align their emergency response plans with NRP coordination and reporting protocols.

Full implementation of the NRP is required within 120 days after issuance of this letter. Details on the implementation schedule and requirements are described in the Letter of Instruction found on page iii of the NRP Base Plan document.

The DHS Operational Integration Staff, in conjunction with Federal Emergency Management Agency, will manage the implementation of NRP policies and procedures within DHS, and coordinate with other Federal departments and agencies regarding their specific implementation requirements. An interagency oversight committee will be established to monitor compliance with NRP implementation requirements.

To help facilitate the implementation of the NRP, we request that you designate a point of contact within your organization to serve on the interagency oversight committee. A meeting will be convened in early January with all Federal representatives to discuss implementation specifics.

Please provide the name of your representative to Bob Shea, [robert.shea@dhs.gov](mailto:robert.shea@dhs.gov), or 202-254-5278, no later than December 17, 2004.

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