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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR REMARKS:

Designate a senior official as the liaison between NRC & DHS. Coordinate selection with Chairman's office. OEDO Point of Contact: Tammy Bloomer, OEDO.

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Request contact info from Domestic Nuclear Detection

efforts: coordinate selection with Chairman's office

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Dr. Nils Diaz

Chairman

Nuclear Regulatory Commission

FROM:

Mr. Kenneth Hill Ken Hice

Executive Secretary

SUBJECT:

Domestic Nuclear Detection

(1) On April 7, 2005 a Homeland Security Council (HSC) Principals' Committee (PC) approved the draft Domestic Nuclear Detection NSPD/HSPD for signature by the President in order to bolster the Nation's ability to detect and interdict illicit nuclear and radiological materials at home and abroad. The President signed NSPD-43/HSPD-14 on April 15, 2005.

- (2) Subsequently DHS proposed to fulfill the requirements of the NSPD-43/HSPD-14 using a cadre of interagency support. While new nuclear and radiological countermeasure programs are contingent on Congressional authorization; and full staffing of new programs is not expected until FY 2006; it is critical that the interagency representatives be identified quickly.
- (3) The Department of Homeland Security believes that Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) participation in domestic nuclear and radiological countermeasures is fundamental to the success of NSPD-43's/HSPD-14's mission to prevent the importation and use of a nuclear weapon or a radiological dispersal weapon within the United States. This partnership is imperative for the coordination of activities between the two agencies and will further facilitate the Presidential mandate to integrate Interagency domestic nuclear detection stakeholders to accomplish the nuclear and radiological detection mission.
- (4) Therefore, to comply with the guidance is NSPD-43 and HSPD-14 and ensure that the domestic nuclear detection mission is fully accomplished in concert with the larger Interagency community, it is requested that the NRC designate a senior official to be the liaison between the NRC and DHS. This individual, contingent on Congressional authorization of the new nuclear and radiological countermeasure programs, can be assigned (detailed) full time to DHS, or can coordinate with it on a part-time basis, as needed and agreed to between the two organizations' Directors. Please provide the name and contact information of your representative to Kimberly.Summers@associates.dhs.gov. Immediately following the assignment of your representative, further discussions about the scope of your participation can occur. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.