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Samuel J. Collins
Regional Administrator
Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region I
475 Allendale Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406-1415

Dear Mr. Collins:

Shortly after September 11th, 2001, Governor Pataki established the New York State Office of Homeland Security (OHS) and charged it with developing, coordinating, implementing and directing all aspects of the state's homeland security strategy. He named Jim Kallstrom, who currently serves as the Governor's Senior Advisor for Counter-Terrorism, to be the first OHS Director. To facilitate its mission, OHS conducts regular "Bi-Weekly" homeland security coordination meetings with the Governor's Chief of Staff, Mr. Kallstrom, the State Director of Preparedness and Response and more than 25 state agencies, offices and authorities as indicated on the attached list.

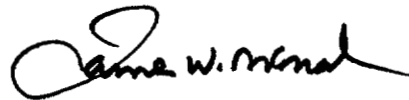
In this context and in order to ensure more efficient efforts and avoid redundancy, we have developed several topic-specific homeland security task forces; these include the Chemical Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives (CBRNE) Task Force, the New York State Interagency Task Force on Food Safety and Security, the Fraudulent Identification Documents Task Force, the Transportation Security Task Force and the Plume Modeling Task Force. As an example, the CBRNE Task Force has collaborated to identify and make ready deployable state assets in the event of a biological, chemical, radiological terror event, the Food Safety Task Force has worked across all governmental levels and the private sector to identify and mitigate security gaps in the food chain from the farm to table, while the Fraudulent Documents Task Force has become a national model for multi-jurisdictional efforts by law enforcement to interdict and suppress fraudulent identification documents.

In spite of our excellent ongoing collaborative efforts with federal agencies on homeland security matters, on several recent occasions we have become aware of terrorism-related initiatives undertaken by federal agencies or their regional offices [or the JTTF's] that are duplicative of or touch on related efforts currently underway by the state. In order to avoid unnecessary or redundant work in this critical arena, we urge that you utilize OHS as a pointer index for appropriate coordinated state agency assistance or Task Force referrals. Please feel free to contact me or my staff when issues of this nature arise.

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Thank you for your continuing cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. McMahon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" being the most prominent part.

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Attachment

NYS Bi-Weekly Homeland Security
Meeting Agency Participation

Governor's Office
Governor's Senior Advisor on Counter-Terrorism
Governor's Director of Preparedness and Response
Office of Homeland Security
Division of State Police
Division of Military and Naval Affairs
State Emergency Management Office
Department of Health
Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Criminal Justice Services
Department of Agriculture and Markets
Department of Corrections
Department of Motor Vehicles
Insurance Department
Department of Transportation
Thruway Authority
State Education Department
Department of Taxation and Finance
Office of Governmental Services
Public Service Commission
Division of the Budget
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey
Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Power Authority
New York State Advanced Technology and Research Office
Office for Technology
Cyber Security and Critical Infrastructure Coordination Office.