

August 15, 2006

The President
The White House
Washington D.C. 20500

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Under your leadership, the Executive Branch of the U.S. government and G-8 Nations have taken aggressive action to reduce the potential use of radioactive material in a malevolent act. At the June 2003 Evian Summit, you and other G-8 Leaders launched an initiative which culminated in the September 2003 publication by the International Atomic Energy Agency of the "Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources." By your actions at the 2004 Sea Island and 2005 Gleneagles Summits, the United States continues to lead the world in endorsing and adopting the Code of Conduct and has succeeded in obtaining political commitments to the Code of Conduct from 83 countries. There are numerous other examples of the United States' leadership in facing and addressing the threat of radiological terrorism.

The results of the Task Force's efforts are documented in the enclosed report. Representatives of 14 Federal agencies were involved in preparing this report. A hard copy of the Executive Summary, Task Force Charter, and the Task Force Membership List are enclosed, along with a CD copy of the entire report. The report contains a number of

recommendations that, once implemented, will enhance the security of risk-significant radioactive sources in the United States. At this time, the Task Force is not making any recommendations for legislative changes.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully,

/RA/

Dale E. Klein

Enclosures:

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Protection and Security Task
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In August 2005, in response to a need for better coordination of the efforts of diverse Federal agencies that are working to reduce the risk of radiological terrorism, the Congress amended the Atomic Energy Act to create the Task Force on Radiation Source Protection and Security. The Task Force is Chaired by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and includes representatives of the Department of Homeland Security, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Department of Defense, the Department of Energy, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Justice, the Department of State, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, the Central Intelligence Agency, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Environmental Protection Agency, and the Office of Science and Technology Policy. The Task Force also includes the Organization of Agreement States and the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors as non-voting members.

As described in this report, the agencies represented on this Task Force have made remarkable progress in the United States and abroad in ensuring the security of radioactive sources. In this report, the Task Force recommends additional actions that will further strengthen the domestic and international security of radioactive sources. A hard copy of the Executive Summary, Task Force Charter, and the Task Force Membership List are enclosed, along with a CD copy of the entire report. At this time, the Task Force is not making any recommendations for legislative changes.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Mr. Jack R. Strosnider, Director of NRC's Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, who serves as the NRC point person for Task Force activities. Mr. Strosnider may be reached by phone at (301) 415-7800, or by e-mail at JRS2@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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