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# ISSUANCE OF THE RADIATION SOURCE PROTECTION AND SECURITY TASK FORCE REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS (STP-06-082)

**Purpose:** To inform you that on August 15, 2006 the Commission submitted the first report of the Radiation Source Protection and Security Task Force to the President and Congress, in accordance with Section 651(d) of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Public Law 109-58).

**Background:** The Energy Policy Act charged the Task Force with 1) evaluating and providing recommendations relating to the security of radiation sources in the United States from potential terrorist threats, including acts of sabotage, theft, or use of a radiological source in a radiological dispersal device; and 2) providing recommendations for appropriate regulatory and legislative changes to the Congress and the President.

**Contents:** 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. 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. Enclosed is a copy of the transmittal letter to the President and Vice President (Enclosure 1) and a copy of the Task Force report (Enclosure 2). The next report will be issued four years from now.

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