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Homeland Security

March 22, 2007

The Honorable Dale E. Klein
Chairman
U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555

Dear Chairman Klein:

I respectfully request that the Radiation Source Protection and Security Task Force, as established by the Energy Policy Act of 2005, reevaluate the list of radioactive sources that warrant enhanced security and protection. This request is in the spirit of the 2006 Task Force Report recommendation 3-1: "...that the U.S. Government periodically reevaluate the list of radioactive sources that warrant enhanced security and protection to assess their adequacy in light of the evolving threat environment."

Specifically, Section 3.2.3 of the Task Force Report describes the methodology used to generate the list of radionuclides of concern in the 2003 Department of Energy (DOE)/Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Radiological Dispersion Devices Report. While that methodology was limited to radionuclides licensed by NRC or controlled and managed by DOE, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is concerned that limiting the scope to domestically available sources overlooks the threat posed from sources available outside the United States. DHS requests that the Task Force reevaluate the list of radionuclides of concern using similar methodology as described in Section 3.2.3 to include radionuclides available world-wide. If that reevaluation identifies any additional radionuclides of concern, DHS will implement the appropriate changes to the global nuclear detection architecture managed by DHS's Domestic Nuclear Detection Office.

We look forward to working with our Federal counterparts who share DHS's interest in safeguarding radioactive sources. If you have any questions, please contact Vayl Oxford, Director of the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO), at (202)254-7300 or vayl.oxford@dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

Michael Chertoff