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MEMORANDUM TO: Melvyn N. Leach, Director
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SUBJECT: PROPOSED CONTINUATION OF HOSTILE ACTION-BASED
INITIATIVE DURING FUTURE BIENNIAL EXERCISES

DATE & TIME: Thursday, December 17, 2009
1:30-3:30 p.m. EDT

LOCATION: Marriott North Bethesda
5701 Marinelli Road
Rockville, MD 20852

BACKGROUND: The current 3-year voluntary Hostile Action-Based (HAB) Emergency Preparedness (EP) Drill Initiative will conclude in December 2009. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have proposed to make final the rulemaking and policy updates, including changes to the EP drill and exercise requirements in the Fall of 2010 with a proposed implementation period of from 1 to 3 years. To continue the learning process of the HAB EP Drill Initiative, it has been proposed that the NRC and FEMA sustain hostile action-based exercise activities by adopting a transitional phase following the end of the voluntary initiative. The proposal would identify volunteer licensee and offsite response organizations, that would conduct regularly scheduled, evaluated biennial exercises to integrate the demonstration of non-evaluated hostile action elements.

PURPOSE: This meeting will provide opportunities for public discussion of the proposal for continued demonstration of hostile action elements as part of future biennial exercises during a transition period prior to the implementation of new EP drill and exercise requirements.

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PARTICIPANTS: Participants will include members of the NRC's Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR) and FEMA.

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Enclosure 1, Agenda
Enclosure 2, Proposed "Ground Rules" for Conduct of a Biennial Exercise Using an HAB Scenario (DRAFT for discussion purposes only)

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AGENDA

Proposed Continuation of Hostile Action-Based Initiative During Future Biennial Exercises

Category 2 Public Meeting: The public is invited to participate in this meeting by discussing regulatory issues with the NRC at designated points identified on the agenda.

1:30 - 1:40 p.m.	Opening Remarks	Meeting Facilitator
1:40 - 1:50 p.m.	Initiative Background	NRC
1:50 - 2:00 p.m.	Proposed "Ground Rules" / Licensee Aspects	NRC
2:00 - 2:15 p.m.	Offsite Response Organization Aspects	FEMA
2:15 - 2:30 p.m.	BREAK	
2:30 - 2:55 p.m.	Industry Comments	
2:55 - 3:15 p.m.	Public Comments	
3:15 - 3:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks	NRC / FEMA