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SUBJECT: FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY REVIEW OF PROPOSED
STATEMENT OF WORK

Dear Mr. Samaan:

Thank you for meeting with Randy Sullivan of my staff to discuss our effort to study advanced methods for evaluation of offsite response organizations preparedness. As you may be aware, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has directed the staff to work with local communities and the Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to begin the next major emergency preparedness (EP) enhancement of working to quantify the protection that EP plans and procedures should result in and codify them in regulations that are transparent, objective, and measurable. This study will contribute to meeting that direction.

In accordance with your suggestion, we have integrated FEMA initiatives and information collection activities into our statement of work to study oversight techniques. The intent is to gain effectiveness and efficiency by combining oversight, reporting and preparedness efforts to the extent practical.

I would welcome any input you or others at FEMA might have to improve this statement of work. However, if you have no objection, we will begin our contracting process in 45 days. The process for issuing a contract will take several months and the project itself would likely take a year. The product is expected to be a report that identifies areas for enhancement, an evaluation of implementation feasibility and a suggested process for implementation. FEMA participation in every aspect of study conduct would be welcomed. The study is expected to provide suggestions for FEMA and NRC consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Randy Sullivan will contact you in the near future to discuss any questions or direction you may have.

Enclosure:

1. Statement of Work

Sincerely,

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