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MEMORANDUM TO: Laura Dudes, Director

Division of Materials Safety and State Agreements

Office of Federal State and Materials

and Environmental Management Programs

FROM: Christiana Lui, Director /RA/

Division of Security Policy

Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response

SUBJECT: COMPLETION OF THE TECHNICAL DRAFT OF THE BEST

PRACTICES GUIDENCE DOCUMENT FOR THE PHYSICAL

PROTECTION OF RISK-SIGNIFICANT RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL

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NSIR has completed the technical draft of this best practices document titled, "Physical Security Best Practices for the Protection of Risk Significant Radioactive Material." This document was sent to the Agreement States for review. It was also reviewed and approved by the 10 CFR Part 37 Steering Committee. No major comments were received from the Agreement States or the Steering Committees, and all other comments, which were editorial in nature, have been addressed.

Per the Working Group agreement, the Office of Federal State and Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME) will follow through with the formal concurrence and NUREG publication process, including technical editing. Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this document please contact Duane White, the technical lead for this document, at (301) 287-3627.

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