



U.S. Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation

---

Washington, D. C. 20535-0001

October 27, 2015

Robert J. Lewis, Director  
Division of Preparedness and Response  
Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response  
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission  
Washington, DC, 20555-0001

RE: Request for Federal Bureau of Investigation embed in U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Headquarters Operations Center

Dear Mr. Lewis:

In support of the *Memorandum of Understanding Between the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Regarding Nuclear Threat Incidents Involving NRC Licensed Facilities, Materials, or Activities* (Federal Register /Vol. 65, No. 95 /Tuesday, May 16, 2000 /Notices) (May 2000 Memorandum of Understanding), this letter confirms FBI plans to embed FBI liaisons in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Headquarters Operations Center (HOC) during periods of heightened threat or actual emergencies at NRC-licensed facilities or activities. This request directly supports FBI and the NRC roles in establishing "liaison ... to ensure effective information exchange, threat evaluation, and contingency response planning" and "joint operational readiness planning...for prompt law enforcement response assistance when needed at licensed facilities or activities" as described in the May 2000 Memorandum of Understanding.

Specifically, FBI and the NRC agree to the following:

1. During heightened threat or emergency response situations at NRC-licensed facilities or activities during which the NRC HOC is activated and law enforcement assistance may be needed, the NRC will immediately notify FBI Headquarters of the incident and request FBI liaison deployment to the NRC HOC.
2. FBI will pre-designate liaisons to deploy to the NRC HOC in advance, and requests that the NRC provide these liaisons with unescorted access to NRC HOC facilities.
3. The NRC will provide space in the HOC Safeguards Team (SGT) for up to two (2) pre-designated FBI liaisons.
4. The NRC will provide access to secure and unsecure computers and phones for the two (2) designated FBI liaisons.
5. NRC SGT and FBI liaisons plan to freely share information during emergency events. It is anticipated that there may be a need to share sensitive information during a potential emergency or heightened threat situation, and FBI and the NRC will observe appropriate

information protection protocols for the protection of Safeguards Information, as described in Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR), Section 73.21, and classified information, as described in Executive Order 13526.

6. FBI will provide 1 or 2 pre-designated FBI liaisons to participate in at least two (2) NRC HOC exercises annually; and preferably hostile action based-exercises.

Establishing a permanent agreement between the NRC and FBI for established liaisons at the NRC HOC will serve as a vital communication node between FBI Headquarters, the NRC HOC, law enforcement and NRC licensees during potential emergency or threat events. This liaison will enhance the relationship between the NRC and FBI, fulfill key roles listed in the May 2000 Memorandum of Understanding, and ultimately serve both agency's missions related to protecting public health and safety and promoting the common defense and security.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John G. Perren". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

John G. Perren  
Assistant Director  
Weapons of Mass  
Destruction Directorate

Enclosure