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SUBJECT: NRC-State-Local Incident Response Communications

IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE - Supplement the current NRC assistance to state and local governments to develop communications procedures, hardware requirements, and exercises for responding to radiological incidents. The objective includes clarification of the information which the NRC and state and local governments would each expect of the other as different kinds of incidents evolve.

LONG-RANGE OBJECTIVE - We hope to extend emergency communications planning, engineering, and exercises in depth to involve licensees to a greater degree, and in breadth to develop more formal coordination between Federal organizations.

CURRENT EFFORT - Having developed an incident response communications system concept (for the Office of Inspection and Enforcement) which includes state, local, and licensee participants as well as the NRC, we are now assisting IE with hardware procurement to implement the concept and with exercises to develop practical response procedures. Exercises during this fiscal year will involve appropriate Headquarters offices, all Regional Offices, and certain other Federal agencies; we may be able to involve one state in planning an exercise toward the end of the fiscal year.

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MITRE ADVANTAGES

- MITRE's FCRC status permits broad objectivity (by allowing access to industrial proprietary data, for example) which, in turn, permits us to be a buffer between the sometimes conflicting interests of Federal, state, local, and private organizations.
- As systems engineers MITRE can follow through from concept to operation, providing sustained help to assure that plans evolve into a practical functioning system.
- Plans and exercises already developed for IE can and should be adapted to involve state and local governments, both to save money and to help assure that initial state exercises are consistent with NRC Headquarters exercises.
- MITRE has become reasonably familiar with NRC operations and problems through its current effort. If used by the NRC as a resource group to assist state and local governments, we could be effective immediately and would have to learn only certain local nuances to develop a tailored plan for each state.

RELATED MITRE/WASHINGTON EFFORTS

- MITRE is surveying communications technology for the DCPA portion of the new Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- MITRE is working at a high level within OMB to develop the operational concept, organization, and management functions for FEMA.

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