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**Communication And Emergency Preparedness**

**Speaker Biographical Summaries**  
(In the order of their presentation)

### **Mr. William Renz**

Mr. Renz currently serves as the Director of Nuclear Protection Services and Emergency Preparedness for Dominion Energy. Renz has 23 years of nuclear power plant experience starting at the Long Island Lighting Company in 1980. In the late '80s, he provided a range of consulting services in the emergency preparedness and nuclear licensing fields. He has provided expert or factual testimony before three U.S. NRC Atomic Safety and Licensing Boards and has testified before the congressional Subcommittee on Nuclear Security, Emerging Threats and International Relations.

Renz joined Dominion Energy in 1990 and assumed his current position in February, 2002. As Director - Nuclear Protection Services and Emergency Preparedness, he is now responsible for all physical security, unescorted access authorization, fitness for duty, fire protection, industrial safety, medical, and emergency preparedness program activities for Millstone, Surry, and North Anna power stations.

### **Mr. Michael Beeman**

Michael S. Beeman is Chief of External Affairs for the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Region II in New York City. As Chief of External Affairs he oversees a wide-ranging charter with policy, oversight and advisor duties related to the region's media, congressional, community relations, international affairs and intergovernmental programs.

In his present position he handles all Congressional and/or media inquiries regarding FEMA processes and programs. He is also responsible for developing media materials for other federal agencies supporting the Federal Response Plan and the 12 Emergency Support Functions activated in the Regional Operations Center and deployed to Disaster Field Offices in support of disasters. He has participated as a lead public affairs/congressional liaison for nine disaster operations in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the U. S. Virgin Islands. He also serves as one of the Region's senior team leaders for Radiological Emergency Preparedness program evaluations of emergency plans for communities located near nuclear power plants. Over his 33 years of federal service he has served as a newspaper editor, winning numerous awards. He was official spokesman for a number of major disaster activities – space shuttle Challenger disaster, collision of two Boeing 747 aircraft at Tenerife in the Canary Islands, the crash of Egypt Air flight 990 and most recently the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City. Before coming to FEMA in 1999 he served as deputy chief of public affairs at Andrews Air Force Base where he was responsible for all media activities for the arrivals and departures of the President, Vice President, Congressional travels and foreign heads-of-state.

### **Mr. Michael Sinclair**

Mike Sinclair worked for 20 years as a journalist in radio and television and as a correspondent, photographer and editor for The Associated Press. In 1980, he was appointed Secretary of Civil and Military Affairs and press secretary to the Governor of Vermont and became involved with development of the initial REP plan for the Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Plant. He joined FEMA in 1983 and three years later became an offsite emergency planning and preparedness consultant to the nuclear industry. He accepted his current position in 1991 with the former Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety to coordinate the state's radiological emergency response program, including offsite plans and exercises for Illinois' six nuclear plant sites. He also serves as an emergency preparedness advisor for the International Atomic Energy Agency and has worked on projects in Brazil, Canada, and Eastern Europe.

### **Mr. Walter (Ned) Wright**

Ned Wright has been the Director of Emergency Management for Linn County, Iowa since February 1995. He has received the Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) professional designation from the International Association of Emergency Managers and the Iowa Emergency Managers Association. Ned serves the second largest county in Iowa with a population of over 200,000. Linn County is the location of the only nuclear power plant in Iowa. Ned supervises the largest county level Emergency Management staff in Iowa including over 500 trained volunteer first-responders from numerous public and private support agencies. Prior to his assignment in Linn County, Ned served in the US Army from 1973-1995 achieving the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, in the Civil Affairs Branch. In these positions he was responsible for supervising disaster relief and humanitarian assistance operations in the United States and in Central and South America.

Several of the Linn County Emergency Management programs have received "Best Practice" commendations with several of these for partnerships with the Duane Arnold Energy Center. Ned has published over 20 professional and technical articles published in military and emergency management journals in both the United States and overseas. Ned has also testified before a congressional committee and has made presentations to several national level conferences.

Ned has earned an M.Ed. from Texas Tech University, an M.P.S. from Western Kentucky University, a B.A. from the Virginia Military Institute, and a Diploma in Disaster Management from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

### **Mr. Mark Lemke**

Mark has been the Emergency Planning Manager at the Diablo Canyon Power Plant, located in central California, since 1998. Mark is a member of the NEI *Emergency Planning and Event Communications Working Group* and has participated with NEI on various task forces, such as those working on Shift Staffing, Significance Determination Process, and Fast Breaker. He helped pioneer the Emergency Preparedness program evaluation, currently in use throughout the industry and by INPO. Mark has a BS degree in Nuclear Technology and has taught at the Harvard School of Public Health Emergency Planning Course. He is also currently the Region IV Emergency Planning Group Chairman. Mark held a Senior Reactor Operator license for over 15 years and participated in the startup of both units at Diablo Canyon.

### **Dr. Susan Frant**

Dr. Susan M. Frant is the Deputy Director of the Division of Incident Response Operations, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Her division develops and directs implementation of the policies and programs for the agency's response to incidents involving licensed facilities and materials and is responsible for the operation of NRC's 24/7 operations center.

Prior to this position, Dr. Frant was Deputy Director for the Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety at the NRC from 2001 until 2003. She was particularly instrumental in the development of international guidance related to the security of radioactive materials in the post 9/11 environment.

Dr. Frant was the Deputy Director of the Spent Fuel Project Office from 1996 until 2001. Her group was responsible for inspection, licensing, and for regulations and guidance for storage and transportation. Since 1982 when Dr. Frant joined the NRC, she has held various positions in the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, the Executive Director of Operations, and was the Deputy Director, Division of Radiation Safety and Safeguards, Region I.

Dr. Frant received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Arcadia University (formerly Beaver College), Glenside, PA; her Master of Science degree from Queens College, City University of New York; and her Doctorate from the University of Southern California.