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Russell Salter, Director
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Dear Mr. Salter:

As Chairperson of the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. (CRCPD), I want to commend you for your outstanding support of the radiological emergency response program in the United States. Your personal commitment to an improved dialog among the federal community and state radiation protection programs was the driving force for streamlining evaluation of emergency response capability at the state and local level. The inclusion of state and local staff members on the Oversight Working Group provided a unique opportunity for discussion of issues that remain critically important to our state radiation protection programs. As Chair of the Federal Radiological Preparedness Coordinating Committee, you revitalized that important committee and opened appropriate portions of its discussions to the public. CRCPD welcomed the opportunity to provide a Liaison to attend the open portions of the FRPCC meetings. We have always participated in the subcommittees of the FRPCC and have seen significant results under your leadership in the areas of portal monitor and portable instrument guidance.

Our country's citizens are better protected from accidental or deliberate releases of radioactive material thanks to your dedicated service while with FEMA. On behalf of the CRCPD Board of Directors we thank you for your valuable service.

Sincerely,

Paul J. Merges, Ph.D.
CRCPD Chairperson

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cc: Bruce P. Baughman, Director, Office of National Preparedness
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