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**DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY INITIAL NATIONAL RESPONSE PLAN  
(STP-03-078)**

We are enclosing for your information a copy of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Initial National Response Plan (INRP), as distributed on October 9, 2003. The DHS developed this plan pursuant to Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-5 and in conjunction with many other homeland security partners, including the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). It provides interim guidance on Federal coordinating structures and processes for domestic incident management in the context of major disasters, terrorist attacks and other emergencies. You will note that the INRP has been widely distributed by DHS to other officials, including Governors; State Homeland Security Advisors; and State, Territorial, local and Tribal first responders.

We do not anticipate substantial changes to NRC's current response programs relevant to the interaction between NRC and the States. Given the direction in the INRP, NRC will be modifying our emergency response plans and processes accordingly. In the interim, we will continue to conduct our interactions with you in the same manner that we have in the past. We anticipate the main impact of the INRP to be on NRC in modifying our plans and the way in which we interact with our Federal partners. The INRP requires confirming changes be made to Federal interagency and agency-specific response plans within 60 days. We will provide you with NRC's updated emergency response plans in the near future for your information, review and comment in the event you see areas of possible impact on the States. We anticipate little or no affect on our interactions with the States. We also plan to coordinate these activities with the Organization of Agreement States and the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors.

We draw your attention to Section V.C of the INRP. This section requests State governments and emergency management agencies to report the following actions to the Homeland Security Operations Center, in accordance with procedures established by the Secretary of Homeland Security: (1) the activation of State emergency operations centers; (2) the announcement of emergency declarations made under State or local authority; and (3) the activation of State mutual-aid agreements or compacts in response to incidents resulting in emergency declarations or requiring Federal assistance.

If you have any questions concerning this correspondence, please contact Timothy McGinty, Coordination Section Chief, Division of Incident Response Operations, Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response. Mr. McGinty can be reached by telephone at 301-415-8743 or by e-mail at [TJM1@NRC.GOV](mailto:TJM1@NRC.GOV).

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