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NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
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CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Tom Ridge  
Chairman, Ridge Global  
1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW  
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Washington, DC 20036

Dear Governor Ridge:

On behalf of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), I am pleased to invite you to be the Keynote Speaker of our second session in the Knowledge Management (KM) series, "60 Years of Emergency Preparedness: *Capturing the American Approach for Continuous Strengthening of Emergency Preparedness Programs for Nuclear/Radiological Events.*" This session, entitled "9/11, Katrina and Rita," is scheduled for Wednesday, February 15, 2017, from 9:15 am - 11:00 am at the NRC Headquarters in Rockville, Maryland.

The KM series catalogs the American approach to radiological emergency preparedness from the operation of the first commercial nuclear power electrical generating station at Shippingport, to the accident at the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant in Japan. The first session was held in September 2016 and captured the evolution of emergency preparedness from Shippingport through the accident at the Three Mile Island Nuclear Generating Station in Pennsylvania.

This second session will focus on the changes brought about to the nation's emergency preparedness framework as a result of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, as well as the lessons learned from hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005. The NRC staff would benefit tremendously from the national perspectives and insights you are able to share on this subject given your strategic leadership in the aftermath of September 11, 2001, and your experience with the responses to the impacted states after hurricanes Katrina and Rita. We would also welcome your thoughts on the effects that other major events have had on our national emergency preparedness infrastructure.

I understand that the NRC staff has reached out to your office to determine your potential availability. Based on that information, we have developed a draft agenda (attached) to assist in your consideration. We would also be happy to provide you a tour of the NRC's Emergency Operations Facility if your schedule supports. The staff point of contact for this event is Cindy Rosales-Cooper in the Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response. She can be reached at [Cindy.Rosales-Cooper@nrc.gov](mailto:Cindy.Rosales-Cooper@nrc.gov) or at (301) 287-9500. Thank you for considering this event.

Sincerely,

Stephen G. Burns

Enclosure:  
Draft agenda

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## 60 Years of Emergency Preparedness

*Capturing the American Approach for Continuous  
Strengthening of Emergency Preparedness Programs for Nuclear/Radiological Events*

### **Session 2: 9/11, Katrina and Rita**

*Changes Brought about to Emergency Preparedness as a Result of 9/11 and Hurricanes  
Katrina and Rita*

**February 15, 2017**

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Headquarters (Two White Flint North Auditorium)  
Video-teleconferenced to the four NRC Regional Offices and Technical Training Center

*(9:00 am - Governor Ridge arrival/ escorted through security)*

9:15 am	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Victor McCree NRC Executive Director for Operations
9:20 am	Introduction of Speaker and Additional Thoughts	Stephen Burns NRC Chairman
<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Keynote Address</b>	<b>Governor Tom Ridge</b>
10:15 am	Questions and Answers	
10:30 am	Break	
10:35 am	Panel Discussion	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Michael Weber, Director, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research</li><li>• To Be Determined</li></ul>	
10:50 am	Questions and Answers	
11:00 am	Adjournment	

Enclosure