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PROPOSED NRC FUNCTIONAL CAPABILITIES STATEMENT FOR REVISION TO EXECUTIVE  
ORDER 11490

Pursuant to your request, I discussed several points concerning the  
proposed NRC functional capabilities statement for the forthcoming  
revision to Executive Order 11490 with Mr. Fred Haase of the Federal  
Preparedness Agency. They were as follows:

1. Q How important is the October 15th deadline (plus special  
extension granted to NRC until October 31st) for submittal of  
this statement to FPA/GSA?  
  
A OMB sometime ago requested that FPA generate a "substantive  
revision" to EO 11490. FPA's self-assigned target date for  
completion is November 1975 (no date specified). FPA plans  
to send revised EO 11490 to GSA, thence to OMB, thence to  
the Attorney General. If concurrences obtained through this  
chain, then the new Executive Order will be published. The  
above concurrence chain is a long one and FPA feels that they  
must move on this during November if the new Executive Order  
is to be published within a reasonable time.
2. Q Will only "Category A" agencies appear in the revised EO 11490?  
  
A No. Some "Category B" agencies will appear in the revised  
notice (as they now appear in the current EO 11490). These "B"  
agencies are those that have significant supporting roles to "A"  
agencies (e.g. Veteran's Administration support to HEM).
3. Q What are the implications of becoming a "Category A" agency with  
respect to committing the agency's resources?  
  
A Funding impact on the agency is relatively minimal. However,  
a certain amount of man-hours will be required to develop  
supporting agency emergency plans. For example, these plans  
would deal with such matters as vital records determination  
and storage facilities for the records; establishment of  
management teams to go to various relocation sites for continuity

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of government purposes; establishment of lines of succession; establishment of an emergency communications system (probably same system that NRC would use for peacetime emergencies such as the Browns Ferry Fire); establishment of some training program in national level emergency response for NRC employees.

4. Other points made by FPA:

- a. We can submit our input to FPA informally for their comment but there is not much time to do this now.
- b. On an annual basis, changes can be generated by agencies to their EO 11490 input. As we progress "down the pike" on National Level Emergency Planning (which is what EO 11490 concerns itself with) we can change our role if we see changes occurring within our agency affecting our national level emergency response capability. Our perspective may be different in a year's time.
- c. FPA perceives us to probably be a "Category A" agency but this is for us to determine.
- d. Offices or Divisions of relatively small agencies like NRC, are normally not assigned a "Category" independent of the parent agency.
- e. FPA (Haase) recommends that we submit something for EO 11490 — based upon how we see things now — and this can be subject to change. Our proposed input is the best that we have been able to come up with at this time and seems reasonable. We can always change it later.

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