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Federal
Preparedness
Agency

Washington, DC 20405

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Honorable Joseph M. Hendrie
Chairman
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The readiness of the Federal departments and agencies to mobilize and manage manpower and industrial resources is of vital importance to the security of the Nation. The Federal Preparedness Agency is especially interested in this readiness in view of our responsibilities for providing overall guidance for and coordinating Federal emergency preparedness programs as established in E.O. 11490, as amended.

FPA has received from the Department of Defense an invitation (copy enclosed) for participation, by appropriate civil agencies, in a Joint Chiefs of Staff mobilization exercise, nicknamed NIFTY NUGGET 78, scheduled for Fall 1978. To support NIFTY NUGGET 78 and for other preparedness objectives, FPA proposes to conduct, along with selected Federal agencies, a civil readiness exercise, REX 78. REX 78 will take place concurrently and parallel with NIFTY NUGGET. Besides lending realism to the JCS exercise, participants in REX 78 having significant roles in the mobilization process will be provided the opportunity to test and refine emergency plans, systems, and procedures and should enhance overall civil emergency preparedness.

Besides permitting the civil agencies to function in direct support of the military mobilization and deployment activities, REX 78 will have a primary purpose of anticipating, examining, and designing solutions to the longer term problems of sustaining an expanding mobilization process. Senior Federal civil officials will be invited to participate in this latter activity.

I invite your agency to participate actively in the planning and conduct of Exercise REX 78. When our combined planning staffs have fully developed the REX 78 Exercise Plan, I will invite you and other senior officials to participate in decision point meetings at specific times during the exercise. A successful Exercise REX 78 will constitute a significant contribution to the Federal program to support national security through preparedness.

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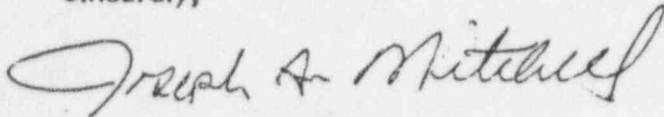


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Mr. Keith Peterson, the FPA Exercise Programs Officer, telephone 566-0427, will be the FPA project officer for the exercise. I request that you designate a REX 78 project officer for your agency if you agree to participate. Please have your designee contact my project officer for details on an initial meeting to be held on February 28, 1978.

Sincerely,



JOSEPH A. MITCHELL
Director

Enclosure





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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20301

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(Administration)

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FEDERAL PREPAREDNESS AGENCY

SUBJECT: Exercise NIFTY NUGGET 78 (U)

(C) Exercise NIFTY NUGGET 78 will be conducted by the Joint Chiefs of Staff during the period 10-30 October 1978. Exercise NIFTY NUGGET 78 is a selected procedural command post exercise designed to test Service and joint plans and procedures during the full mobilization and initial deployment process.

(C) In order to accomplish its objectives, Exercise NIFTY NUGGET 78 will exercise those procedures necessary to expand the active components by simulating mobilization of all units in the approved force, all individual Ready Reserve, and the logistic and industrial resources to support this effort.

(C) Participation by personnel of your agency, as well as from other departments and agencies of the Executive Branch, in the planning, development, and conduct of Exercise NIFTY NUGGET 78 is invited and encouraged. The participation of your representatives and those from other Federal agencies having mobilization responsibilities enhances the realism of those activities which require interdepartmental coordination, direction, and decisionmaking and is thus of great importance.

(U) The Annex reflects the concept and objectives planned for Exercise NIFTY NUGGET 78 and is provided for your participation planning.

(U) Col Gary Lindquist, Exercise NIFTY NUGGET 78 project officer, ext 695-3484, is available to provide you with additional information on the exercise.

(Signed D. O. Cooke)

D. O. Cooke

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense

Attachment

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