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Minutes of NCRP SC 2-2 Meeting November 19-20, 2008

Held in Albuquerque, New Mexico

The meeting began at 9:00 a.m. on November 19th with all members of NCRP SC 2-2 present except for Bob Ingram, Steve Musolino, Abel Gonzales, and Tammy Taylor (all but Bob Ingram, who was out of the country, joined the meeting by Conference Call).

The chair, John Poston, offered some opening comments that reminded the committee of the importance to stay on schedule and prepare for the upcoming meeting in San Antonio scheduled for February 4-5, 2009. The February meeting will be the last "face-to-face" meeting of the committee as a whole to work on the report entitled, "Key Decision Points and Information Needed by Decision Makers in the Aftermath of a Nuclear or Radiological Terrorism Incident". The Committee has made significant progress since the meeting held in August; with much of the credit going to the information exchanged during the two conference calls (September 12th and October 28th) held between Sacramento and Albuquerque meetings.

The following is a list of issues discussed at the meeting:

- The meeting began with a presentation from Brook Buddemeier on work he was doing with a Department of Homeland Security Committee that was going to provide guidance on a response to an Improvised Nuclear Device or State-Sponsored Nuclear Weapon Detonation. The work done by the committee Brooke serves on had generated a number of computer models that offered much needed insight to the impact of such an event. Brooke was joined in this presentation by a colleague from Sandia National Laboratory who reviewed additional information that would be valuable to our NCRP SC 2-2 and the report we are writing. While a publication date for the DHS work being done by Brooke et al has not been finalized; it is anticipated that it should be published in the same timeframe as the NCRP report and therefore could be used as a reference in the NCRP report. Brooke, who has the lead on the Nuclear Weapon/IND aspects of our report, will include the relevant information from his DHS work in the NCRP draft report prior to the San Antonio meeting.
- Next on our agenda was a presentation by Tammy Taylor (via conference call and with a very comprehensive PowerPoint presentation). The title of the presentation was, "Planning Guidance for Response to a Nuclear Detonation", being developed out of the White House led, Domestic Nuclear Defense Policy Coordination Committee. This guidance is scheduled to be released to the Federal Agencies prior to January 20, 2009 and will also be able to be referenced in the NCRP SC 2-2 report.
- The rest of the meeting was devoted to a detailed review of all Sections of the Draft Report. A number of formatting and editorial comments were discussed. These discussions helped with the direction that was agreed to by the committee for the next (and final) draft preparation efforts. It was reiterated that the report was to be formatted in such a way that it was consistent with NCRP Commentary #19 and would use the same definitions contained in that report for terms in the new report .
- All Committee members recognized the need to complete the work as a committee by the end of the next meeting to be held in conjunction with the Health Physics Society Mid-Year Meeting

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being held in San Antonio, TX. In order to meet that commitment; the Committee set the following deadlines:

- “final” comments on all Sections of the report are to be provided to the primary Section authors NLT December 8th; the Section authors are to compile and resolve all comments by other Committee members and send the revised Sections to the NCRP Staff Consultant NLT December 22nd;
 - The NCRP Staff Consultant is to have the “Final Draft” report compiled and issued for comment by the Committee NLT January 9th.
 - The Committee will review the “Final Draft” report and there will be a conference call on January 22nd to discuss any issues in preparation for the final meeting of SC 2-2 on February 4-5, 2009 in San Antonio.
 - An additional meeting of the Chair, the Consultant and the NCRP Staff Consultant will take place in conjunction with the Annual NCRP meeting to be held in Bethesda, MD in early March, 2009 to make any final adjustments to the report.
 - SC 2-2 feels it is on tract to complete the report on or ahead of schedule by end of summer or early fall 2009.
- The business of the committee being completed; the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. on November 20th.

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