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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

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SUBJECT: Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 851, "Worker Safety and Health Program," Rule Workshop

The Office of Health, Safety and Security (HSS), Energy Facility Contractors Group, labor unions representing Department of Energy (DOE) workers, Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center, and National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences are sponsoring a title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, part 851 (10 C.F.R. 851), Awareness Training Workshop on October 28-29, 2009.

We believe that workshop activities will assist your organization in maintaining focus on your missions by clarifying 10 C.F.R. 851 training issues. The objectives of the workshop are to increase awareness of the 10 C.F.R. 851 Worker Safety and Health Rule for workers, managers, and health and safety professionals, as well as exchange information on challenges and best practices for 10 C.F.R. 851 awareness training.

The workshop is part of a larger collaborative effort responding to the need expressed by worker representatives to provide information about workers' rights and responsibilities and related training requirements to workers, DOE, and DOE contractor training professionals, safety and health professionals, and managers.

The workshop will be conducted by videoconference at approximately 20 locations in or near DOE sites. Embedded in the 2 days is a 2-hour 10 C.F.R. 851 awareness training session repeated twice each day to give workers four opportunities to attend one of those sessions. The balance of the workshop will address training assessment initiatives, standardization and reciprocity of training, training implementation approaches, and DOE 10 C.F.R. 851 oversight and enforcement strategy. Attached are the latest versions of the workshop agenda and videoconferencing locations.

It is through collaborative, integrated safety management efforts, such as this workshop, that we achieve continual improvements in both worker safety and health and mission performance. We encourage you to support your organizations' participation. We recognize that allowing workers time to attend a workshop may be a



challenge for your organization but believe that attendance at one of the video broadcasts will be particularly beneficial and worthy of your support. We thank you in advance for that support.

Please contact me at (301) 903-3777 or your staff may contact Dr. Bill McArthur (**Bill.Mcarthur@hq.doe.gov**), of my staff, or me if you have questions or require additional information. Workshop information is posted on the HSS Web site at: **<http://www.hss.energy.gov/HealthSafety/WSHP/rule851/2009workshop/index.html>**

2 Attachments

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