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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Distribution of Superfund Radiation Risk Assessment and How You Can Help, an Overview Video for the General Public

FROM: Michael B. Cook, Director
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TO: Superfund National Policy Managers, Regions 1-10

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to transmit a final video entitled: "Superfund Radiation Risk Assessment and How You Can Help, an Overview." The video describes the Superfund risk assessment process for radioactive contamination: what it is, how it works, and how members of the public can be involved. This video will be of interest to the general public, site decision-makers, and community involvement coordinators at radioactively contaminated sites being addressed by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA).

BACKGROUND

This Superfund Radiation Risk Assessment video is part of a continuing effort by the Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation (OSRTI) to provide updated guidance for addressing radioactively contaminated sites consistent with our guidance for addressing chemically contaminated sites, except to account for the technical differences between radionuclides and chemicals. This effort is intended to facilitate compliance with the National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP) at radioactively contaminated sites while incorporating the improvements to the Superfund program that have been implemented through Administrative Reforms.

The attached Superfund Radiation Risk Assessment video complements a similar video issued by EPA entitled "Superfund Risk Assessment and How You Can Help, an Overview"

(OSWER No. 9285.7-29B, 1999). The video can be used as a community involvement tool in communities facing radiation contamination. Its purpose is to help communities understand how radiation risks are assessed and how they can become involved in the process.

IMPLEMENTATION

For questions regarding radiation site policy and guidance for CERCLA cleanup actions, readers are referred to the RCRA/Superfund Hotline at 1-800-424-9346 or the Superfund Radiation Webpage at http://www.epa.gov/superfund/resources/radiation/index.htm. The subject matter specialist for this video is Stuart Walker of OSRTI. He can be reached by e-mail at walker.stuart@epa.gov or by telephone at (703) 603-8748.

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