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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION  
COUNTERMEASURE INITIATIVE (FSME-09-054)**

**Purpose:** To provide information regarding a Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) countermeasure initiative led by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

**Background:** The FBI has initiated an ongoing WMD countermeasure effort to identify and disrupt WMD operations and threats within various industries, such as chemical, agricultural, and nuclear. A critical aspect of this overall WMD countermeasure effort is outreach and information sharing through visits to various types of critical infrastructure across the nation.

**Discussion:** At the request of FBI Headquarters, FBI field office personnel have initiated visits, across the nation, to certain U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and Agreement State licensees who possess sources containing radioactive material quantities of concern. These visits are being conducted in an effort to establish communications and gain an understanding of what the security arrangements are, and how and when law enforcement would be engaged if there was a threat or event at these sites.

The FBI is aware of and understands the various required security measures that both the NRC and Agreement States have imposed on certain licensees since the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and recognizes how these additional security measures have increased the security of these devices and materials. The objective of these FBI visits is to develop a relationship with the licensee community while conveying the importance of reporting any threat to these materials or devices in order for the FBI to succeed in its mission to detect and prevent WMD operations.

It is important to ensure that licensees, who are implementing security requirements, such as the Increased Controls, understand the reporting requirements for any actual or attempted theft, sabotage, or diversion of applicable material or devices. The Increased Controls require coordination and/or assistance from Local Law Enforcement Agencies (LLEA) and/or applicable regulatory authority. Also, it is important for licensees to ensure that the FBI has appropriate credentials before being granted access to documented security-related information or radioactive materials.

These visits have been and continue to be performed independently by FBI personnel from individual field offices, without the presence of regulatory agencies. The FBI may contact you for assistance in accomplishing this initiative. If requested, we encourage you to provide any

information necessary in order for the FBI field offices to set up these licensee visits. Once the visits are scheduled, the NRC encourages the cooperation of the licensees in discussing the security measures they have put in place at their facilities as well as discussing any issues they have had in reaching out to their LLEA in the licensees' efforts to comply with the Increased Controls. These visits are meant to improve lines of communication. Accordingly, we would ask that you share this information with your licensees so that they are aware of the potential for future FBI field office visits and licensees can share with you any related areas for improvement that may arise during these site visits.

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