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SUBJECT: Revised Fiscal Year (FY) 2006 Chemical Sector Buffer Zone Protection Program (Chem-BZPP) Guidance

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide updated information on the requirements associated with the FY 2006 Chem-BZPP submission, review, and approval process, as well as the Chemical Comprehensive Review (CR) program.

The FY 2006 Chem-BZPP is a targeted infrastructure protection program that provides funds to build security and risk management capabilities through the implementation of preventive and protective measures at the state and local levels. These efforts will help protect identified Chemical Sector critical infrastructure and key resource (CI/KR) regions from threats or acts of terrorism.

In FY 2006, through a partnership between G&T and IP, DHS made \$25,000,000 available through the Chem-BZPP to enhance state and local jurisdictions' ability to protect and secure identified Chemical Sector CI/KR regions. Unlike the traditional Buffer Zone Protection Program (BZPP), the Chem-BZPP is a sector-specific grant program designed to be a companion to the Chemical Sector CR initiative.

Chemical CR Program

The Chemical CR is a cooperative, government-led analysis of CI/KR chemical facilities. The Chemical CR considers potential for terrorist attacks within the sector, the consequences of such an attack, and the required preparedness capabilities of the owner/operator, local law enforcement, and emergency response organizations. The results are used to enhance the overall security posture of the facilities, their surrounding communities, and the surrounding geographic region using short-term improvements and long-term risk-based investments in training, processes, procedures, equipment, and resources. The objectives of the Chemical CR program are to:

- Reduce the Nation's vulnerability to terrorism by developing plans to better protect groupings of high consequence chemical facilities and deny their use as a weapon.
- Increase regional security and public safety by improving preparedness capabilities for the identified Chemical Sector CI/KR regions through the identification of preventive and protective measures that benefit multiple assets within a region,
- Support Federal, state, and local preparedness planning processes and the allocation of the Nation's homeland security and emergency preparedness resources based on cross-jurisdictional assessments.

Chemical Sector Vulnerability Reduction Purchasing Plan (VRPP) Development

Chemical CRs will assist state and local jurisdictions in identifying vulnerabilities and capability gaps so they may be addressed in state and local homeland security strategies and CI/KR protection programs. Upon completion of a Chemical CR, the Department of Homeland Security will provide the HSA and SAA with a Community Protective Measures Analysis (CPMA). The CPMA is a comprehensive report detailing the results of the Chemical CR for the respective region. The CPMA identifies and summarizes gaps and options for consideration identified during the Chemical CR into three broad categories:

1. **Equipment and Personnel:** Options for consideration that involve the acquisition of new and/or improved hardware or numbers of personnel.
2. **Training and Qualifications:** Options for consideration that involve a need for training and qualifications of offsite security, emergency response, and law enforcement personnel.
3. **Processes and Procedures:** Options for consideration that involve interagency pre-planning and coordination.

The CPMA will serve as the primary justification for resources requested through the FY 2006 Chem-BZPP via the Chemical Sector Vulnerability Reduction Purchasing Plan (VRPP). The Chemical Sector VRPP identifies all responsible jurisdictions that may be awarded funds, as well as their respective planning and/or equipment requests. Decisions regarding the allocation of funds to any of the sub-grantees identified in the CPMA are at the discretion of the SAA in coordination with the HSA.

Chem-BZPP VRPP Submission Instructions

Upon completion of the Chemical Sector VRPP for each identified Chemical CR region, and in accordance with all requirements set forth in the Chem-BZPP Program Guidelines and Application Kit, the SAA must submit the Chemical Sector VRPP to DHS via the *G&T Secure Portal*. The Chemical Sector VRPP will be reviewed by DHS to ensure Chem-BZPP programmatic and planning activities and requested equipment are justified through the CPMA and coordinated with overall statewide CI/KR protection efforts and related strategic goals and objectives. If the Chemical Sector VRPP is incomplete or does not meet Chem-BZPP requirements, the SAA may be requested to re-submit program materials and/or provide additional information.

Note: The Chemical Sector VRPP, which details requested expenditures as justified by the CPMA, is the only required submission under the Chem-BZPP and the SAA will not need to submit a Regional Buffer Zone Plan (BZP).

Based upon the above outlined program requirements and updates, the submission deadline for the Chemical Sector VRPP under the FY 2006 Chem-BZPP has been changed to **September 30, 2007**. If states fail to submit Chem-BZPP materials by this date, funds may be deobligated by DHS. Excluding the updated submission and justification processes and deadlines, all Chem-BZPP awardees should consult the FY 2006 Chem-BZPP Program Guidelines and Application Kit for all additional program, financial, and coordination requirements and allowable expenditures.

Any additional questions regarding the updated Chem-BZPP process should be directed to Eric Puype, Chief-Risk Assessment Unit, at 703-235-5714 or eric.puype@dhs.gov, or Keenan Skelly, Federal Team Lead, at 703-235-5711 or keenan.skelly@dhs.gov. Questions on available funding should be directed to your G&T Preparedness Officer.

Attachment: Chemical Sector VRPP Template