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Washington, DC 20585

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DEPARTMENTAL ELEMENTS

FROM: CLAY SELL *Clay Sell*
SUBJECT: Development of the Department of Energy (DOE) Pandemic
Influenza Plans

On November 1, 2005, the President announced the National Strategy for Pandemic Influenza and directed all Federal Agencies to begin internal planning to ensure readiness in the event of a pandemic. The attached departmental plans that have been drafted meet the President's requirements and will serve as the DOE plan, subject to subsequent improvements and revisions.

I am hereby designating the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety and Health to lead the implementation of the Department's pandemic plans. This implementation must reflect the utmost concern for the safety of DOE workers and ensure the continued performance of the Department's Essential Functions potentially for a four-week disruption in normal operations. I expect full implementation of the plan to be accomplished by May 31, 2006.

I am directing Acting Assistant Secretary C. Russell H. Shearer to organize a Biological Event Monitoring Team (BEMT), drawn from the biomedical expertise of the DOE Complex, as well as the Department's Emergency Operations and Continuity Programs, to coordinate the Department's response actions. The BEMT will include a "Red Team" that will, in the event of a biological emergency, assess and assure our facilities' capability to shut down or continue safe operations.

I am also designating Mr. Jonathan Kiell, the Department's Continuity Programs Manager, to serve as the Pandemic Influenza Continuity Program Manager.

Please give Mr. Shearer and Mr. Kiell your assistance in implementing the Department's plans to deal with this serious threat and join me in meeting our responsibility to protect the health of the DOE work force, while continuing to ensure the Department meets its critical obligations and the expectations of our country and the President.

Attachment

