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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Robert Schweitzer, Executive Director, National Preparedness Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW., Washington, DC 20472, 202-646-3234.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

On February 28, 2003, the President issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5 (HSPD-5), Management of Domestic Incidents, which directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS). This system provides a consistent nationwide template to enable Federal, State, tribal, and local governments, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together to prevent, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of incidents, regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity. This consistency provides the foundation for utilization of NIMS for all incidents, ranging from daily occurrences to incidents requiring a coordinated Federal response. NIMS represents a core set of doctrines, concepts, principles, terminology, and organizational processes that enables effective, efficient, and collaborative incident management. One of the elements of NIMS is the credentialing of personnel that may respond to disasters.

The *Guideline* provides guidance on how to best credential the personnel who respond to incidents, including large-scale terrorist attacks and catastrophic natural disasters that require inter-State deployable mutual aid. The *Guideline* will encourage interoperability among Federal, State, and local officials and will facilitate deployment for response and/or restoration. The *Guideline* will allow incident commanders to exercise enhanced access control in times of crisis.

For non-Federal stakeholders, the *Guideline* will help ensure that when called upon for mutual aid, emergency response officials from multiple jurisdictions and sectors will have interoperable processes. This will enable emergency response officials to spend less time processing and being processed and more time responding to the incident. The *Guideline* is built upon scalable, flexible, and adaptable coordinating structures to align key roles and responsibilities across the Nation. It describes specific authority and best practices for managing interstate disasters and integrates credentialing within the Incident Command System.

FEMA solicits comments on the draft *Guideline*, which is available in Docket ID FEMA-2008-0015 at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**Authority:** Homeland Security Act of 2002, Public Law 107-296, as amended; Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5, *Management of Domestic Incidents*, and Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, Public Law 110-53, Section 408 and 409.

Dated: December 8, 2008.

**R. David Paulison,**

*Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID FEMA-2008-0016]

### National Incident Management System Intelligence/Investigations Function Guidance Document

**AGENCY:** Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is accepting comments on the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Intelligence/Investigations Function Guidance Document (*NIMS I&I*). This document provides guidance on utilizing and integrating the Intelligence/Investigations Function while adhering to the concepts and principles of the NIMS. *NIMS I&I* presents information intended for the ICS practitioner that will assist in the decision-making process regarding the placement of the Function within the command structure, and provides tools

that may be used while implementing the Function. The Function has aspects that cross disciplines, including traditional law enforcement, epidemiological investigations, regulatory investigations, and medical examiner/coroner investigations, as well as those conducted by the National Transportation Safety Board or other investigatory agencies. This Function can be utilized for planned events, as well as incidents.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by January 21, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** The *NIMS I&I* is available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. You may also view a hard copy of the *NIMS I&I* at the Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Room 835, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472. You may submit comments on the *NIMS I&I*, identified by Docket ID FEMA-2008-0016, using one of the following methods:

*Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments, to the proper Docket ID.

*E-mail:* [FEMA-POLICY@dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-POLICY@dhs.gov). Include Docket ID in the subject line of the message.

*Fax:* 866-466-5370.

*Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier:* Regulation & Policy Team, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Room 835, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Robert Schweitzer, Executive Director, National Preparedness Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472, 202-646-3234.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 28, 2003, the President issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5 (HSPD-5), Management of Domestic Incidents, which directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS). This system provides a consistent nationwide template to enable Federal, State, tribal, and local governments, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations to work together to prevent, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of incidents, regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity. This consistency provides the foundation for utilization of NIMS for all incidents, ranging from daily occurrences to incidents requiring a coordinated Federal response. NIMS represents a core set of doctrines, concepts, principles, terminology, and organizational processes that enables effective, efficient, and collaborative incident management. One of the elements of NIMS is the Intelligence/Investigations Function within the Incident Command System (ICS).

This document provides guidance on utilizing and integrating the Intelligence/Investigations Function while adhering to the concepts and principles of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The Intelligence/Investigations Function within the Incident Command System (ICS) provides a flexible and scalable framework that will allow for the integration of intelligence and investigations activities and information. This guidance and the accompanying Intelligence/Investigations Field Operations Guide (IIFOG) are applicable in all situations involving intelligence/investigations information, ranging from everyday operations that utilize conventional unclassified information, to terrorist incidents where the information is classified at the highest levels and requires the incorporation of national intelligence capabilities provided by U.S. Intelligence Community assets. The document presents information intended for the ICS practitioner (including the Incident Commander/Unified Command) that will assist in the decision-making process regarding the placement of the Function within the command structure, and provides tools that may be used while implementing the Function.

The activities and information that are at the core of this Function are often viewed as primary responsibilities of "traditional" law enforcement. In many cases, intelligence/investigations duties

are fulfilled by law enforcement department/agencies, but this Function has aspects that cross disciplines. "Nontraditional," non-law enforcement forms of investigation might include epidemiological investigations, regulatory investigations, and medical examiner/coroner (ME/C) investigations, as well as those conducted by the National Transportation Safety Board or other investigatory agencies. Moreover, this Function can be utilized for planned events, as well as incidents.

FEMA solicits comments on the draft *NIMS I&I*, which is available in Docket ID FEMA-2008-0016 at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**Authority:** Homeland Security Act of 2002, as amended, 6 U.S.C. 101 *et seq.*; Homeland Security Presidential Directive-5, *Management of Domestic Incidents*; and Implementing Recommendations of the 9/11 Commission Act of 2007, Public Law 110-53, Section 408 and 409.

Dated: December 12, 2008.

**R. David Paulson,**

*Administrator, Federal Emergency Management Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION

#### Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice of accreditation and approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a commercial gauger and laboratory.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13, Intertek USA, Inc., 1848 Suntide Road, Corpus Christi, TX 78409, has been approved to gauge and accredited to test petroleum and petroleum products, organic chemicals and vegetable oils for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13. Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct laboratory analyses and gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is accredited or approved by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific test or gauger service requested. Alternatively, inquires regarding the specific test or gauger service this entity is accredited

or approved to perform may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border Protection by calling (202) 344-1060. The inquiry may also be sent to [cbp.labhq@dhs.gov](mailto:cbp.labhq@dhs.gov). Please reference the Web site listed below for a complete listing of CBP approved gaugers and accredited laboratories. [http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/operations\\_support/labs\\_scientific\\_svcs/commercial\\_gaugers/](http://cbp.gov/xp/cgov/import/operations_support/labs_scientific_svcs/commercial_gaugers/).

**DATES:** The accreditation and approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as commercial gauger and laboratory, became effective on May 21, 2008. The next triennial inspection date will be scheduled for May 2011.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Randall Breaux, Laboratories and Scientific Services, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Suite 1500N, Washington, DC 20229, 202-344-1060.

Dated: December 12, 2008.

**Ira S. Reese,**

*Executive Director, Laboratories and Scientific Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

### U.S. Customs and Border Protection

#### Accreditation and Approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a Commercial Gauger and Laboratory

**AGENCY:** U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

**ACTION:** Notice of accreditation and approval of Intertek USA, Inc., as a commercial gauger and laboratory.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13, Intertek USA, Inc., 5401 Evergreen Ave., Jacksonville, FL 32208, has been approved to gauge and accredited to test petroleum and petroleum products, organic chemicals and vegetable oils for customs purposes, in accordance with the provisions of 19 CFR 151.12 and 19 CFR 151.13. Anyone wishing to employ this entity to conduct laboratory analyses and gauger services should request and receive written assurances from the entity that it is accredited or approved by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to conduct the specific test or gauger service requested. Alternatively, inquires regarding the specific test or gauger service this entity is accredited or approved to perform may be directed to the U.S. Customs and Border