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TO All State Administrative Agency Heads
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All State Homeland Security Directors
All Urban Area Working Group Core City and Core County Representatives

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SUBJECT: Sustainment of the WMD Standardized Awareness Authorized Trainer Program September 30, 2005 and beyond.

Since September 2004 the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium (NDPC) members have been delivering the WMD Standardized Awareness Authorized Trainer (SAAT) Course AWR 160-1 to state and local jurisdictions, territories, and urban areas. Thus far over 3000 trainers have been trained to deliver the WMD SAAT Course. There are still state and local jurisdictions, territories, and urban areas that have not coordinated the delivery of the WMD SAAT Course. ODP strongly encourages all state and local jurisdictions, territories, and urban areas to contact their SAA or State Training POC, DHS Preparedness Officer and the NDPC member for their region and coordinate the delivery of the SAAT Train-the-Trainer Course AWR 160-1 as soon as possible.

After September 30, 2005, the NDPC will end this phase of the delivery of the SAAT Course. After September 30, state and local jurisdictions, territories, and urban areas will not be able to coordinate with their regional NDPC member for the delivery of the SAAT Course. If state and local jurisdictions, territories, and urban areas have coordinated the delivery of the SAAT Course prior to September 30, 2005, their regional NDPC member will continue to deliver that course as scheduled.

The next phase of the SAAT Program will be the sustainment phase. All state and local jurisdictions, territories, and urban areas should have begun to institutionalize their SAAT Programs by this time. The goal of the SAAT Program is to provide state and local jurisdictions, territories, and urban areas with a mechanism for delivery and sustainment of WMD awareness training for their first responder community.

During the sustainment phase, the CDP will continue to support the SAAT Program. The CDP will be responsible for informing all authorized trainers of any changes in the curriculum. The CDP will also be responsible for the distribution of the training materials to all authorized trainers and material updates.

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All state and local jurisdictions, territories, and urban areas that have not coordinated the delivery of the SAAT Course are highly encouraged to do so before September 30, 2005. State Preparedness Officers should continue to assist in accomplishing this task.

Inquiries on this program related to your jurisdiction's participation should be directed to your Preparedness Officer. Requests for additional information on training program content should be directed to Willie Johnson, Training Program Manager, at 202-786-9567 or willie.johnson2@dhs.gov.