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Media Advisory

FEMA REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR EDWARD BUIKEMA CONVENES REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING IN INDIANA

CHICAGO – The U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will hold the second meeting of its Regional Advisory Council in Indianapolis on January 23, at the Indiana Government Center South, 302 West Washington Street. The RAC is a vital step in homeland security efforts because it includes a cross section of officials within the region to ensure effective and ongoing coordination of preparedness, protection, response, recovery and mitigation for natural disasters, acts of terrorism, and other devastating incidents.

What: Press Availability for FEMA Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Meeting in Indiana*

When: Wednesday, January 23, 2008, 1:00 p.m. EST

Who: Edward G. Buikema, Regional Administrator of FEMA Region V
RAC Member Eric Dietz, Executive Director, Indiana Department of Homeland Security - 21 members of the RAC

WHERE: Indiana Government Center South
302 West Washington Street, Conference Room A
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2767

WHY: This regional approach to homeland security strengthens the nation’s ability to work together at all levels to address common threat and vulnerability issues and encourage the sharing of resources across state/local and tribal lines.

*Press availability at 12:30 p.m. All media wishing to attend must confirm attendance with Pam Bright at 317-232-6632 or pbright@dhs.in.gov by 10:00 a.m. No reporters or cameras will be allowed in the briefing.

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