



**To: Bay Area UASI Approval Authority**  
**From: Philip White, CBRNE Project Manager**  
**Date: February 9, 2017**  
**Re: Item 6: Vigilant Guardian Full Scale Exercise Overview**

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**Staff Recommendations:**

None – for discussion only

**Action or Discussion Items:**

Discussion

**Background:**

The Bay Area UASI Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives (CBRNE) Work Group oversees the Preventive Radiological/ Nuclear Detection (PRND) focus group. At the November 2016 Approval Authority meeting, the PRND focus group announced its intent to host a regional radiological/nuclear detection and consequence management exercise in October 2017.

This item provides a presentation (Appendix A) and an overview of the 2017 Vigilant Guardian Full Scale Exercise.

**Discussion:**

The purpose of this exercise is to use a “whole of community” approach to test the Bay Area PRND Concept of Operations and assess security capabilities and preparedness for a radiological/nuclear emergency in the Bay Area.

Exercise scenarios are planned in five Bay Area counties. Currently, 44 government agencies are participating, including eight Bay Area UASI counties and/or major cities, as well as twenty one local governments, five state, and fifteen federal agencies. The Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO), Department of Energy’s Office of Nuclear Incident Response Consequence Management Program, and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) are providing personnel and equipment in support of the Bay Area Vigilant Guardian Exercise.

The Approval Authority will be briefed on the exercise After Action Report at the February 2018 meeting.