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During the week of May 16-18, 2007, the White House will sponsor Exercise Pinnacle, a biennial event that comprehensively tests and evaluates our national continuity program.

The main objective is to test our ability to coordinate, develop and implement national policy in response to a simulated terrorist attack on Washington that requires deployment of continuity staff to alternate operating facilities.

This exercise will involve a fictitious scenario requiring selected DOE personnel to work from our COOP facility. As with any exercise, it is important that we not confuse exercise and real world events and activities. All exercise related information and activities will clearly indicate that they are exercise related. For those not participating in the exercise, it will be business as usual at all DOE facilities.

The nature of this exercise is such that it is possible that people not directly involved in the exercise, both at HQ and in the Field, may be contacted by an exercise participant. If this occurs, the exercise players should make it very clear that this is part of the exercise. Non-exercise personnel contacted in this fashion should respond with realistic answers, but acknowledge that they understand it is an exercise. It is not intended for field personnel to participate in this exercise, unless prior arrangements have been made. If there is any question, if a situation is real or exercise related, please ask. Each Department Program and Staff offices has a Continuity Manager, or Point of Contact, who can provide additional information if you have further questions.

If you have any questions please contact Carl Pavetto at 202-586-8651.