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As requested, attached is a letter from NY State EMO requesting a route change from the Peace Bridge to the Lewiston-Queenston Bridge.

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Dear Ms. Ridley,

The New York State Emergency Management Office (SEMO) has coordinated the review of the draft 2000 plan for the foreign research reactor spent nuclear fuel shipments. The agencies reviewing the draft plan include SEMO, New York State Thruway Authority, New York State Department of Transportation, New York State Police and the Niagara Falls Bridge Commission.

The following comments and questions are provided based upon the plan review:

1. The draft plan, Appendix 8.1, indicates the Peace Bridge would be used as the entry point into the US. It is recommended that the entry point utilize the Lewiston Queenston Bridge at Niagara Falls. The Lewiston Queenston is a better option for the following reasons: the Peace Bridge currently has a high political profile because of bridge expansion efforts, the Lewiston Queenston is situated in a lower residential population density area and has more area for conducting inspections when exiting customs. The Lewiston Queenston is routinely used for hazards materials shipments.

2. The Niagara Falls Bridge Commission has responsibility for the Lewiston Queenston bridge. The Commission is recommending that the shipment times across the bridge be scheduled for the early morning hours to minimize the risk.

3. The draft plan did not indicate if the loads were overweight or overwidth.
4. New York State is requesting access to and training for the Transcom system.

5. The New York State Thruway Authority is reviewing the route for safe parking areas.

6. It is the intention of New York State to escort the load to the border, who will reimburse the cost of the service?

Please call me if you need more information on these issues at 518-457-8916.

Sincerely,

James Baranski
SEMO