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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Creation of Office of the Associate
Administrator for Homeland Security

FROM: Administrator Stephen L. Johnson

TO: All EPA Employees

Today I am announcing the creation of the new position of Associate Administrator for Homeland Security within the Office of the Administrator. The Office of Homeland Security has done an outstanding job in ensuring that we effectively carry out our responsibilities as a critical component of the nation's homeland security efforts. Yet at a time when we face continued threats to homeland security as well as issues related to possible pandemic flu, giving greater focus to these issues is warranted.

The new Associate Administrator will direct EPA's Office of Homeland Security, which becomes a part of the new Office of the Associate Administrator for Homeland Security. As

such, he will be responsible for EPA's planning, prevention, preparedness and response to incidents of national significance. In the event of an incident of national significance, he will serve as the Agency Director of Emergency Operations in coordination with the relevant program offices.

Additionally, he will provide Agency-wide policy, guidance and direction, and recommendations for resources on matters of homeland security and will be the principal Agency contact with the Department of Homeland Security and the White House Homeland Security Council. The Associate Administrator will report directly to the Administrator and Deputy Administrator.

Tom Dunne has agreed to assume this important position. Tom currently serves as a Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response. In this capacity, he has played a key leadership role in overseeing our Agency's national security and emergency response issues. Tom also has served EPA previously as Regional Administrator, Region 10, and as the Director of Regional Operations.

I am pleased that Mary Kruger will continue to work with Tom as we elevate this Office to a new level. I want to thank Mary for her excellent leadership in establishing and leading the Office of Homeland Security over the past three years and for her outstanding representation of the Agency regarding interagency homeland security issues.

Thank you for your continued support as we move to ensure that our homeland and national security issues receive the leadership and focus they warrant. Please join me in congratulating Tom and thanking Mary for her continued service.