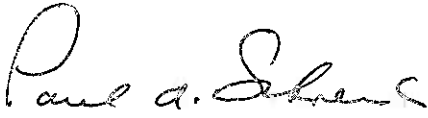




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MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary Chertoff
Deputy Secretary Jackson

FROM: Paul A. Schneider 
Under Secretary for Management

SUBJECT: Advanced Spectroscopic Portal (ASP)
Radiation Portal Monitor (RPM)

The Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO), Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and I met to review the status of the ASP path to certification. Based on the status of the field validation testing, CBP has recommended an additional two months of testing after a new software update which will be installed next week. Accordingly, we plan to defer recommending Secretarial Certification until the additional testing is complete. The Investment Review Board production decision will also be deferred; and we will develop a revised schedule over the next few weeks.

cc:
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