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MEMORANDUM FOR COMPONENT HEADS

FROM:

Elaine C. Duke
Acting Secretary

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SUBJECT:

Establishment of the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office

As described in the *Notice of Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office Reorganization Pursuant to § 872 of the Homeland Security Act of 2002* submitted to Congress on October 6, 2017, the reorganization establishing the Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Office (“Office”) is effective on December 5, 2017. Accordingly, James F. McDonnell, the current Director of the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office, will assume the functions and duties of the Office as the acting Assistant Secretary for Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction. He will exercise the authorities of this Office as described in the Section 872 Notice submitted to Congress, including the following authorities:

- All authorities delegated to the Domestic Nuclear Detection Office in current DHS delegations.
- All authorities delegated to the Office of Health Affairs in current DHS delegations, including the BioWatch and other chemical and biological readiness programs, except for the workforce health and medical support functions transferred to the Management Directorate.
- The non-research and development chemical, biological, and integrated terrorism risk assessment and material threat assessment functions.

I direct that the Office, in coordination with the Management Directorate, propose a delegation for the Office and propose a succession order for the leadership of the Office.

cc: Joseph B. Maher, Acting General Counsel
Chad Wolf, Acting Chief of Staff