



NEW YORK STATE
DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY SERVICES

Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor

Jerome M. Hauer, Ph.D., MHS, Commissioner

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The Honorable Jeh Johnson
Secretary
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
12th & C Street S.W.
Washington D.C. 20024

Dear Secretary Johnson:

In recognition of the increasing vulnerability to New York State from increased volumes and shipment frequencies of crude oil, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo issued Executive Order 125 on January 28, 2014, directing state agencies to immediately conduct a comprehensive review of New York State's crude oil incident prevention and response capacity.

One of the findings of this review is that the USDHS published list of authorized equipment eligible for grant funding (AEL) does not include the purchase of foam concentrate, appliances and equipment which are critical for responding to incidents involving crude oil. We respectfully request that you update the AEL to include the materials and equipment needed to respond to incidents involving crude oil.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this important initiative.

Sincerely,

Jerome M. Hauer, Ph.D., MHS
Commissioner