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MEMORANDUM

To: Law Enforcement Partners
From: Director Gregory S. McLeod 
Subject: Statewide Solution to Meth Lab Cleanup in NC

We at the SBI write to share news of a new plan we have initiated to assist local law enforcement in safely disposing of toxic meth lab waste and reducing the cost now being paid by local governments.

Since the sudden loss of federal funding in February, the State Bureau of Investigation has been working to find a long-term solution to this critical public safety issue in North Carolina.

This month we approved a plan to join the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the Governor's Crime Commission to establish a Clandestine Laboratory Hazardous Waste Storage Container Program in North Carolina.

This program will provide for the mitigation, packaging, transport, and disposal of lab waste at no cost to law enforcement agencies. North Carolina will be one of only seven states in the country to deploy this innovative solution.

An SBI grant from the Governor's Crime Commission will provide equipment and start-up costs, plus training to all Clandestine Laboratory Response certified law enforcement officers in the state.

Training will include neutralizing and packaging the waste for disposal. SBI agents will then transport the waste to SBI-maintained container sites for pickup and destruction by a hazardous waste contractor.

The first training session for SBI Agents and local law enforcement officers will be conducted by the DEA on September 7-8 in Raleigh. Additional training will be offered over the next three months.

The program will be based on criteria established by the DEA's Hazardous Waste Compliance Unit. Once training is complete and equipment is acquired, we anticipate that the program will be fully operational by January 1, 2012.

The new program will transfer an additional duty on the SBI and its agents to dispose of toxic waste from remote locations, a job previously handled by the federal contractor. However, with 227 labs busted so far this year and more than 50 children removed from labs, the SBI recognizes the need to address this public health and safety threat. It is our hope that Congress will restore federal funding and that the state legislature will recognize the importance of adding personnel for this program.

Should you have any questions related to this matter, please contact Assistant Special Agent in Charge Todd Duke, Clandestine Laboratory Response Program Coordinator, or Deputy Assistant Director Van Shaw at 704-454-5324.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

cc: SBI Deputy Assistant Director Van Shaw
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