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# **NATIONAL BENEFITS OF STRENGTHENING NUCLEAR SECURITY THROUGH TABLETOP EXERCISES:** *Perspectives from US Communities*

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A nighttime cityscape with illuminated skyscrapers and a river. The sky is a deep blue, and the city lights are vibrant. The Willis Tower is prominent on the left, and a large river flows through the center, with a bridge and a boat visible. The buildings are lit up, showing a mix of warm and cool colors.

# Preparedness

- Strategy and the planning Process
- Promoting technical experts
- Cross-pollination of expertise
- City-level planning

# ***Immediate Response***

- Promote awareness of nuclear/radiological threats
- Geographically specific resources
- Prepared messaging (local and federal)
- Establish information pathways
- Exercise phased actions and tiered response

# Long-Term

- Direct impacts of early response
- Federal assets deployed
- Established information pathways early
- Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center
- Unified messaging

## Levels of Government



# Changing Hats

