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## Preface

This special issue of the *Journal of Hazardous Materials* had its origins in a workshop held at Michigan State University during May, 1995. This workshop was attended by 53 representatives of 12 nuclear utilities, five states, and three federal agencies. The workshop was organized by a committee representing the Michigan State Police Emergency Management Division (Jim Taylor and Dan Sibb) and the three nuclear utilities operating in the State of Michigan. The latter included Detroit Edison (Kevin Morris), Consumers Energy (Tony Katarsky), and American Electric Power (Rod Krieger). I thank Gordon Wood, Chair of the Michigan State University Department of Psychology, for providing administrative support to the conference. In addition, I thank the other members of the organizing committee for developing and running an excellent table-top protective action decision-making exercise. Finally, I wish to express my appreciation to the three nuclear utilities companies for their early financial support of the conference. Their contributions made it possible to invite a distinguished group of speakers that defined the state-of-the-art in protective action decision-making for a nuclear power plant emergency.

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