



**CITY COUNCIL
WORK SESSION
MEMORANDUM**

TO: City Council

FROM: Matthew R. Schmitz, MPA - City Manager

DATE OF MEETING: May 4, 2026

ITEM TITLE: 28E Agreement with BCEMA for Radiological Incident Response Assistance

DISCUSSION:

This item is a 28E Agreement between the City of Independence and the Buchanan County Emergency Management Agency (BCEMA). This agreement establishes our collaborative framework to provide emergency assistance to persons in areas at risk of a radiological incident involving the Duane Arnold Energy Center (DAEC).

Under this agreement, our organization commits to maintaining a dedicated team of at least 25 qualified individuals trained for radiological monitoring and decontamination. We will also provide teams for traffic flow response, vehicle and evacuee monitoring, and emergency shelter operations when requested. Our personnel and apparatus will be deployed during declared DAEC emergencies, provided they are not already actively engaged in emergencies within our normal coverage area.

Financially, each party covers its initial expenses, but BCEMA will reimburse the City for all expenses incurred while providing emergency assistance under this agreement. Participating entities will remit funding to the City within 30 days after each quarter to support our ongoing operational and training needs. The agreement features an initial five-year term, followed by automatic one-year renewals, and includes a 60-day written notice provision for withdrawal.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends discussion of this topic. No action is needed at this meeting, as any decision items needed would be brought forward to a City Council meeting for approval.