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**HOMELAND SECURITY: MEDIA SECURITY AND RELIABILITY COUNCIL TO REVIEW
EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC WARNING SYSTEM RECOMMENDATIONS
AT UPCOMING MEETING WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2003**

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY SECRETARY TOM RIDGE TO SPEAK

Washington, D.C. – Recommendations to ensure effective delivery of emergency information via public warning systems will be presented to leaders from the broadcast, cable and satellite industries at the biannual Media Security and Reliability Council (MSRC) meeting Wednesday, May 28, 2003. U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge will participate in the meeting.

The meeting will convene at 10 a.m. at the Federal Communications Commission, in the Commission Meeting Room at 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C.

MSRC is a Federal Advisory Committee that reports to FCC Chairman Michael K. Powell. It is chaired by Dennis J. FitzSimons, President and Chief Executive Officer of Tribune Company. Chairman Powell formed MSRC following the events of September 11, 2001, in order to study, develop and report on best practices designed to assure the optimal reliability, robustness and security of the broadcast and multichannel video programming distribution industries.

The Public Communications and Safety Working Group and the Communications Infrastructure Security, Access and Restoration Working Group will present initial best practices recommendations and make their mid-term reports to the Council. The council members have until June 18, 2003 to vote on the best practices which include recommendations to best ensure the delivery of information to the public during times of emergency.

Members of the general public may attend the meeting. The FCC will attempt to accommodate as many people as possible. Admittance, however, will be limited to the seating available. Real Audio and streaming video access to the meeting will be available at <http://www.fcc.gov/>. The public may submit written comments before the meeting to Barbara Kreisman, the Commission's Designated Federal Officer for MSRC.

The meeting will run from 10:00 a.m. -11:30 a.m. in the Commission Meeting Room, TW-C305, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C.

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