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Seismic Safety Commission

Memo

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Subject: The Global Tsunami Buoy Network

Background

After the 2004 mega tsunami in Sumatra, the UNESCO intergovernmental Oceanographic Committee (ICO) worked with interested countries, NOAA and industry to develop the requirements for a global tsunami warning network. Over the last 5 years quite a bit of progress has been made with more than 50 tsunami assessment buoys deployed and regional tsunami warning centers operating in the Pacific and Indian Oceans. This presentation by Mr. Robert Lawson, Vice President, SAIC will discuss the progress of this effort and include descriptions of the operational buoy systems deployed.

Recommendations

Staff recommends that the Commission listen to Mr. Lawson's presentation and be prepared to ask questions.