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OHIO EMA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR APPOINTED AS NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION REGION V VICE PRESIDENT

COLUMBUS (October 27, 2005) – Nancy J. Dragani, executive director of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency, has been named as the Region V Vice President for the National Emergency Management Association. Region V includes the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.

In her capacity as a regional vice president Dragani will represent emergency management views, issues, concerns and activities specific to Region V. She will serve as a mentor for new state emergency management agency directors within Region V. Dragani will also participate in National Emergency Management Association executive meetings with federal agencies.

NEMA is a professional association for state emergency management directors. NEMA's mission is to provide national leadership and expertise in comprehensive emergency management. The association and its members work to advance continuous improvement in emergency management through strategic partnerships, innovative programs and collaborative policy positions.

As Ohio EMA executive director, Nancy Dragani leads the state's coordinated response to all hazards, administers the State Homeland Security Grant Program, oversees the State of Ohio Emergency Operations Center, disaster response, recovery, mitigation, radiological safety and preparedness efforts. Governor Bob Taft appointed Ms. Dragani to the position on January 9, 2005.

Ms. Dragani graduated summa cum laude from Ohio Dominican University, with a Bachelor of Arts. Ms. Dragani resides with her husband and two children in Clintonville.

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