

NUCLEAR EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS SECTION
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NRC Proposed Regulations and Draft Guidance

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) jointly issued Supplement 4 to NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev. 1 to provide additional guidance for the development, review, and evaluation of offsite radiological emergency response planning and preparedness surrounding the Nation's commercial nuclear power plants (NPPs). This guidance addresses four emerging issues: (1) preparing for and responding to hostile action-based (HAB) events at NPPs; (2) enhancing scenario realism and reducing negative training and pre-conditioned responses of exercise participants; (3) aligning the offsite Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Program with national preparedness initiatives under Homeland Security Presidential Directives (HSPD) 5 and 8; and (4) ensuring backup means are in place for alert and notification systems.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is accepting comments on two documents: the proposed Supplement 4 (Supplement 4) to "Criteria for Preparation and Evaluation of Radiological Emergency Response Plans and Preparedness in Support of Nuclear Power Plants," NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1/Rev. 1 (NUREG-0654), and the proposed Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program Manual (the REPP Manual). NUREG-0654 is a joint document issued by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and FEMA that contains the Evaluation Criteria against which FEMA and the NRC measure the emergency preparedness plans of Nuclear Power Plant owners and operators and the State, local, and Tribal jurisdictions in which they sit. Supplement 4 revises and provides additional offsite requirements for emergency preparedness programs at the Nation's nuclear power plants, as well as requirements for backup means for alert and notification, and coordination between licensees and offsite responders.

The Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program (REPP) Manual was released for comment on May 18, 2009. It is intended to be the principal source of policy and guidance for FEMA's REP Program. The manual provides an overview along with additional guidance to aid Offsite Response Organization planners, responders, and emergency management professionals. This manual provides additional guidance with respect to the planning standards established in 44 CFR part 350 and the evaluation criteria contained in NUREG-0654 and its Supplements. It consolidates all of the FEMA Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program's many operative guidance and policy documents into one location, and provides additional guidance on the proposed changes in Supplement 4.

Public comment on the proposed rule and draft guidance documents.

The proposed Supplement 4 and the proposed REPP Manual are available online at <http://www.regulations.gov>. You may also view hard copies of these documents at the Office of

Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Room 835, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472. You may submit comments on the proposed Supplement 4 and the proposed REPP Manual, identified by Docket ID FEMA-2008-0022, by one of the following methods: Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. E-mail: FEMA-POLICY@dhs.gov. Include "Docket ID FEMA-2008-0022" in the subject line of the message. Fax: 703-483-2999. Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier: Regulation&Policy Team, Office of Chief Counsel, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Room 835, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472. Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket ID. Also, because FEMA is collecting comments on two documents in this docket, please also identify the document to which your comment applies. Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide. Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to read the Privacy Act notice that is available on the Privacy and Use Notice link on the Administration Navigation Bar of <http://www.regulations.gov>. Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and search for Docket ID "FEMA-2008-0022." Submitted comments may also be inspected at FEMA, Office of Chief Counsel, Room 835, 500 C Street, SW., Washington, DC 20472. Comments Due 10/19/2009

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