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NRC HOLDING PUBLIC MEETING ON PROPOSED CHANGES TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REQUIREMENTS

The NRC will hold a public meeting April 13 in Rockville, Md., to discuss proposed changes to emergency preparedness guidance related to protective action recommendations in the event of a nuclear power plant accident. The changes to Supplement 3 of NUREG – 0654/FEMA-REP-1 under consideration include:

- Increased involvement of off-site response organizations, such as local law enforcement, in developing protective action strategies;
- Consideration of staged evacuation as the first protective action initiated in a General Emergency (the most severe of NRC's four emergency action classifications);
- Increased use of shelter-in-place for certain scenarios; and
- Guidance to improve communications between the plants and the public before and during an emergency.

Meetings held last year in multiple locations introduced proposed rule language related to enhancing emergency preparedness regulations. This meeting will be more narrowly focused, only addressing revisions to Guidance for Protective Action Recommendations for General Emergencies (NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1 Supplement 3).

Identical sessions of the meeting will be held from 1 to 3:30 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Bethesda North Marriott, 5701 Marinelli Road. At the meeting, NRC representatives will describe proposed changes to the guidance document. Attendees will then be able to ask questions. Attendees are strongly encouraged to read the documents on www.regulations.gov (Docket ID NRC-2010—0080) before the meeting.

Teleconferencing and Web conferencing capabilities are available. For more information on registering to participate by phone or Web, see the meeting notice at: www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm.

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