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NRC, FEMA SEEK PUBLIC INPUT IN UPDATING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GUIDANCE; MEETING SEPT. 13 IN ROCKVILLE, MD.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will meet with the public, state and local officials and other interested groups Sept. 13 in Rockville, Md., to discuss a proposed update to the agencies' guidance for emergency preparedness plans at U.S. nuclear power plants.

Both the NRC and FEMA currently evaluate those plans using a single set of guidance, "Criteria for Preparation and Evaluation of Radiological Emergency Response Plans and Preparedness in Support of Nuclear Power Plants." The agencies are starting what is expected to be a multiyear process for revising these criteria to incorporate what's been learned since the guidance was published in 1980. This is the second of two explanatory meetings before the process starts; many additional meetings will be held around the country as the process continues.

The meeting will run from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Commission Hearing Room at the NRC's White Flint complex at 11555 Rockville Pike in Rockville. The public will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments during the meeting. Those planning to attend in person should pre-register online. The meeting will include both a teleconference and Web conference. Anyone interested in calling in or viewing the Web conference should contact Carolyn Kahler at 301-415-0705, Shannon King at 301-415- 6234, or EmergencyPreparedness.Resource@nrc.gov by Sept. 10 for instructions.

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