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NRC, FEMA to Discuss Preliminary Draft Changes to Emergency Preparedness Criteria Oct. 29-31 in Rockville, Md.

Nuclear Regulatory Commission and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) staff will meet with the public, state organizations and industry representatives in Rockville, Md., on Oct. 29-31 to discuss proposed draft revisions to the joint NRC/FEMA document on emergency planning for nuclear power plants.

The meeting will be held in Room T2B3 at the NRC's White Flint North complex at 11555 Rockville Pike in Rockville. The meeting will run from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29 and Wednesday, Oct. 30; the meeting will run from 1 – 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 31. NRC and FEMA staff will review draft guidance related to emergency classification, notifying the public about an emergency and protective actions. The agenda includes opportunities for public comment and questions, as well as interaction with the agencies' writing teams.

The agencies are working together to update "[Criteria for Preparation and Evaluation of Radiological Emergency Response Plans and Preparedness in Support of Nuclear Power Plants](#)." This multiyear process for revising this guidance will incorporate what's been learned since it was published in 1980. The draft stakeholder revision documents are available on the [regulations.gov](#) website, using **Docket ID FEMA-2012-0026**. The agencies expect to issue the draft guidance for formal public comment in late 2014.

Members of the public unable to attend may listen to the meeting through a toll-free telephone line, or participate via webinar. Anyone interested in calling in or viewing the Web conference should contact Carolyn Kahler at 301-287-3722 or EmergencyPreparedness.Resource@nrc.gov by Oct. 24 for instructions.