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NRC and FEMA Sign Revised Memorandum of Understanding on Emergency Preparedness for Nuclear Facilities

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Federal Emergency Management Agency have signed a revised memorandum of understanding establishing a framework for the agencies to cooperate on emergency preparedness for commercial nuclear power plants.

The MOU was first signed in 1980 and has been revised three times since, most recently in 2015. This fourth revision was signed July 1 at NRC headquarters in Rockville, Maryland, by FEMA Administrator Deanne Criswell and NRC Acting Executive Director for Operations Ray Furstenau.

The NRC and FEMA work together to assure adequate protection of public health and safety in the event of a radiological emergency. The MOU clarifies the role of each agency in assisting state and local governments to respond appropriately and alert the public.

A new addition to the MOU is the NRC commitment to inform FEMA of applications received for small modular or advanced reactor designs and other nuclear technologies. A steering committee will provide guidance for cooperation between the agencies.