

Hostile Action-Based EP Drill Working Group Charter

1. Purpose

This charter documents the establishment of a Hostile Action-Based Emergency Preparedness (EP) Drill Working Group and defines the scope of activities and interfaces to be conducted by the working group.

2. Background

On July 18, 2005, the NRC issued Bulletin 2005-02 "Emergency Preparedness and Response Actions for Security-Based Events" (ADAMS Accession No.: ML051740059), which requested information from the nuclear power reactor licensees regarding enhancements to EP drill and exercise programs to maintain the key skills necessary for mitigating security-based events.

The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) submitted a November 18, 2005 white paper, on behalf of the nuclear power plant (NPP) industry, for NRC endorsement, entitled "Enhancements to Emergency Preparedness Programs for Hostile Action" (ADAMS Accession No. ML053290326). The NEI white paper outlined a voluntary industry initiative to enhance drills and exercises, including the integration of security event-based scenarios into a biennial EP exercise once every exercise cycle (six years). Phase 3 of this voluntary NPP initiative includes the conduct of a site-specific EP drill involving a hostile action-based scenario at each site over a 3 year period, as part of an off-year drill, rather than as part of a Federally-evaluated biennial exercise per Appendix E to 10 CFR Part 50 and 44 CFR 350.9. Following an opportunity for public comment, the NRC endorsed the NEI white paper on July 18, 2006, under Regulatory Information Summary (RIS) 2006-12 (ADAMS Accession No. ML061530290).

On August 30, 2006, NEI submitted for endorsement Revision 0 of its industry guidance document, entitled NEI 06-04, "Guideline for the Development of Emergency Preparedness Drill and Exercise Threat-Based Scenarios" (ADAMS Accession No. ML062480059). On October 23, 2006, the NRC Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response (NSIR) provided its response stating that the NRC considered the use of Revision 0 to NEI 06-04 as appropriate for developing and conducting a hostile action-based EP drill and encouraged the industry to proceed with efforts to schedule and conduct these drills.

On October 30, 2007, NEI issued Revision 1 to NEI 06-04, "Conducting a Hostile Action-Based Emergency Response Drill" (ADAMS Accession No. ML080110116), which incorporated the lessons-learned from the initial drills conducted in Calendar Year 2007. On March 19, 2008, the NRC subsequently endorsed, with specific considerations, Revision 1 to NEI 06-04 for use specifically as part of hostile action-based EP (Phase 3) drills under RIS 2008-08 (ADAMS Accession No. ML073100460).

3. Activities

NOTE: Working Group activities will be restricted to support for hostile action-based EP (Phase 3) drills conducted as part of industry initiative in response to Bulletin 2005-02, and will not include activities related to specific changes being considered to EP exercise-related regulations and guidance.

The Hostile Action-Based EP Drill Working Group is chartered to perform the following:

- 3.1 Support the documentation of significant lessons-learned from hostile action-based EP drills and communication of these lessons-learned to licensee and applicable State and local response organizations.

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- 3.2 Facilitate the application of lessons-learned in subsequent drills, as applicable, to demonstrate an effective maturing of drill process.
- 3.3 Facilitate FEMA/NRC Exercise Scenario Task Force and FEMA/NRC management observation of designated hostile action-based EP drills.
- 3.4 Support initial scenario development activities and discussions regarding extent-of-play with licensee and respective State and local response organizations to ensure drill meets intent of Revision 1 to NEI 06-04.
- 3.5 Identify potential enhancements to drill guidelines contained in Revision 1 to NEI 06-04 for consideration as part of Phase 3 industry initiative.

4. Membership

The Working Group membership will be comprised of representatives from:

- FEMA Headquarters/Radiological Emergency Preparedness Branch, as designated by the Director, Technological Hazards Division/FEMA National Preparedness Directorate (NPD);
- NRC NSIR/Division of Preparedness and Response (DPR), as designated by the NRC Director, NSIR/ DPR; and
- Nuclear power industry, as designated by NEI.

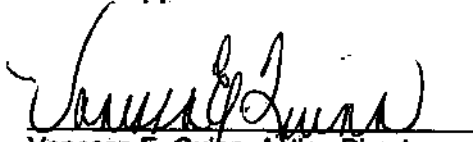
FEMA/NRC Exercise Scenario Task Force members may also be used to support working group discussions, as required to ensure continuity of efforts between groups.

- 4.1 Primary points of contact for their respective organizations will be Jacques Singleton (FEMA/REP Headquarters), Joseph Anderson (NRC/NSIR/DPR), and Susan Perkins-Grew (NEI). These FEMA/NRC points of contact will be responsible for interfacing with their respective legal counsel, as required.

5. Terms

This charter goes into effect upon the date of its signing by the Director, Technological Hazards Division/FEMA NPD, and the NRC Director, DPR/NSIR. The charter may be terminated by either signatory when appropriate or at the request of NEI, and may be amended in writing with the mutual consent of the Acting Director, Technological Hazards Division/FEMA/NPD; the NRC Director, DPR/NSIR; and NEI.

6. Approval



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