
Discussion of Enhancements to Emergency Preparedness Regulations and Guidance

July 8, 2008



History

- SECY-06-0200
- Rulemaking Plan
- 11 high priority issues for rulemaking identified
- Docket opened on www.regulations.gov
- Preliminary draft rule language available
- March 5 public meeting





Staff Actions After March 5, 2008

- Stakeholder comments assessed by the staff
- Comments influenced staff deliberations on rule language and guidance updates
- Changes in preliminary draft rule language



Stakeholder Impact on Staff Positions

- Evacuation time estimate (ETE)
 - Need for a quality standard in ETEs
 - Extensive guidance update
- Reduction in effectiveness
 - Removal of examples from draft language
- ANS backup
 - Staff agrees with comments that there should be backup in ANS systems



Stakeholder Impact on Staff Positions

- **Additional responsibilities**
 - 'Collateral duties' removed from rule language
- **Incident command system (ICS)**
 - ICS will not be in rule language, but will be in guidance
- **Coordination with offsite response organizations**
 - Impact of security event on response
 - Clarify sheltering vs. evacuation is necessary



Stakeholder Impact on Staff Positions

- Emergency response organization (ERO) augmentation at alternate facilities
 - Rule language will mirror BL-2005-02
- Challenging drills and exercises
 - FEMA focus groups' impact on regulations and guidance
 - Goal to have realistic drills



Process

Proposed Rule in Federal Register	February 2009
Draft Guidance	February 2009
Technical Basis NUREG	February 2009
Public Meetings	Spring 2009
Publication of Final Rule and Final Guidance	March 2010



Stakeholder Involvement

- Provide written feedback
 - www.Regulations.gov
 - Docket number: NRC-2008-0122
 - Proposed rule
- Review documents on the NRC Website
 - Rulemaking Plan: ML070440148
 - Draft Preliminary Rule Language: ML080910069
- Attend public meetings
 - Concurrent with proposed rule (2009)
 - 3-4 meetings