



Update: Changes and Innovations in REP Exercises

"Summary of Focus Group Comments"

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Exercise Scenario Task Force

■ Tasked with:

- Recommending potential enhancements to REP exercise scenarios, and
- Engaging REP program stakeholders.

□ Focused proposed enhancements in these areas:

- Reducing response organizations' exercise pre-conditioning by identifying means of avoiding the predictability of exercise events and timing.
- Enhancing REP response capabilities based on post 9/11 security initiatives by introducing hostile action-based (HAB) scenarios into the REP exercise cycle.
- Providing for options to vary the amount and type of simulated radioactive releases during exercise play.





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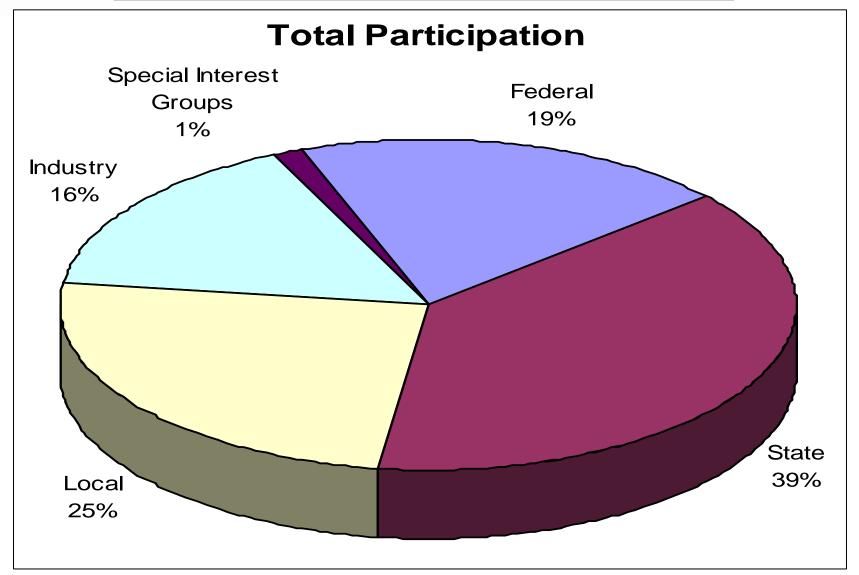
| REGION I | Fairlee, VT (May 6) | REGION V | Silver Lake, MI (June 24) |
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| REGION II | Albany, NY (July 24) | | Mentor, OH (July 10) |
| | West Trenton, NJ (Aug 5) | | Madison, WI August 6) |
| REGION III | Reisterstown, MD (June 18) | | Morris, IL (August 12) |
| REGION IV | Destin, FL (June 17) | | St. Paul, MN (August 20) |
| | Chattanooga, TN (July 18) | REGION VI | Denton, TX (May 28) |
| | Forsyth, GA (July 30) | REGION VII | Kansas City, MO (Aug 7) |
| | Charlotte, NC (August 13) | REGION IX | Rosemead, CA (May 14) |
| | Pearl, MS (August 19) | | San Luis Obispo, CA (May 15) |
| | | | Phoenix, AZ (July 30) |
| | | REGION X | Pasco, WA (May 21) |





Focus Group Participation



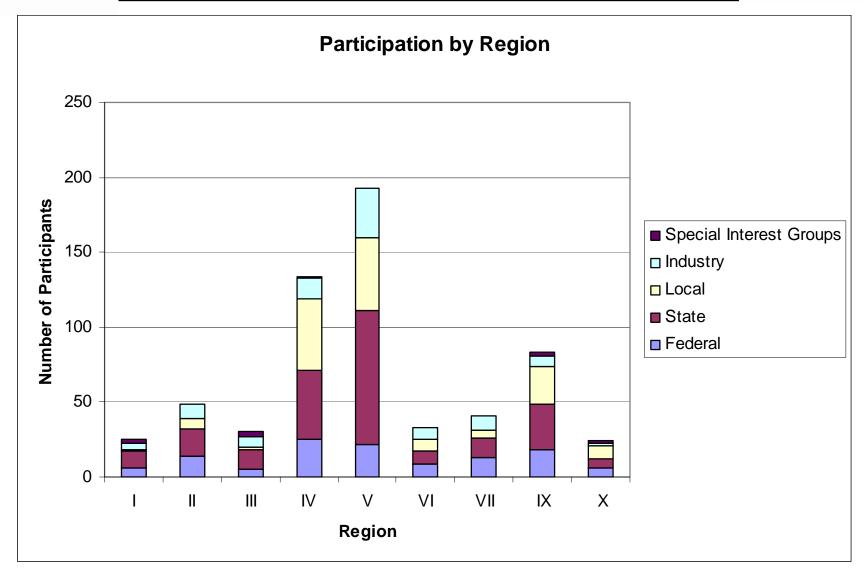






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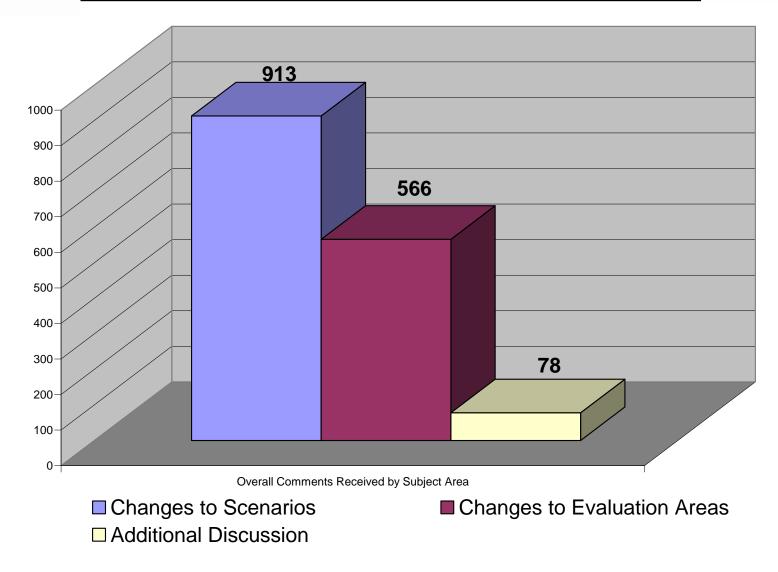






Summary of Comments Received



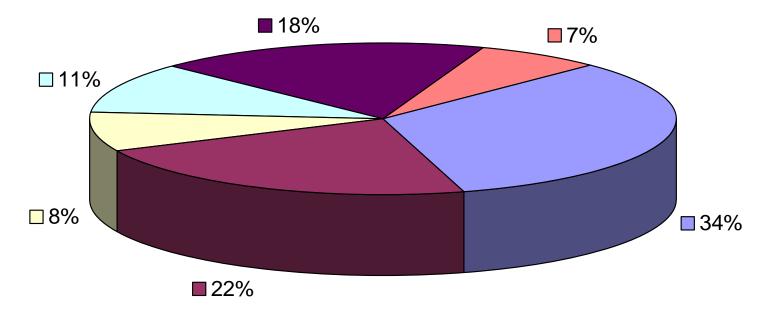






Proposed Scenario Enhancements





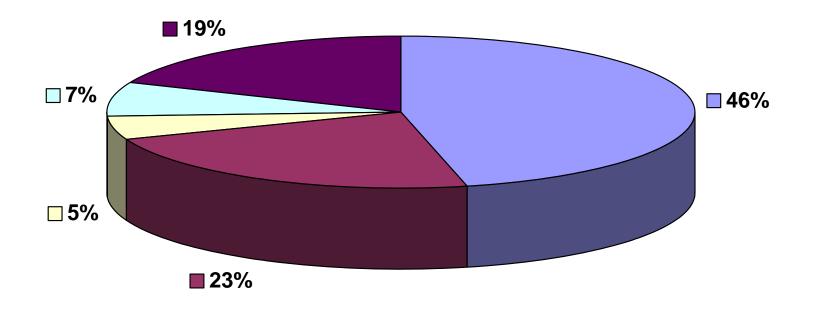
- Rapid Escalation of ECLs and the GE Requirement
- Requiring varying release options/Allowing no-release scenario
- ☐ Allowing variying release and meteorogical conditions
- ☐ Incorporating all-hazards into REP exercises
- Requirements for HAB scenarios
- Implementation of TF Changes





Proposed Evaluation Area Enhancements





- 1 Emergency Operations Management
- ■2 Protective Action Decision Making
- **□** 3 Protective Action Implementation
- 4 Field Measurement and Analysis
- 5 Emergency Notification and Public Information







Maintaining Alignment: Crosswalk of FEMA and NRC Documents

FEMA

REP Program

Manual

Supplement 4 to NUREG-0654

NRC

NRC Rulemaking

Interim Staff Guidance













