

## Public Meetings to Discuss the Proposed Rule for Enhancements to Emergency Preparedness Regulations and Proposed Changes to Related Guidance Documents

### Why are we holding public meetings?

Public meetings will serve the following purposes:

- introduce the proposed regulations and draft guidance related to enhancing emergency preparedness (EP) regulations
- introduce U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) draft guidance documents jointly and to explain the alignment of the documents
- answer questions about the proposed rule and draft guidance documents and to describe the next steps in the rulemaking process
- ensure openness during the EP rulemaking process
- provide additional opportunities for public participation in the EP rulemaking process
- build positive relations, confidence, and trust in the rulemaking process

This type of meeting provides an opportunity for the NRC, FEMA, and the public to work directly together to ensure that the NRC and FEMA understand and consider the public's issues and concerns. These meetings will provide opportunities for NRC and FEMA staff to answer questions about the proposed regulations and draft guidance; they are not forums to negotiate the content of the proposed rule or draft guidance documents.



### When will the meetings be held?

*The following dates and exact locations are tentative pending issuance of the proposed rule in the Federal Register:*

#### **Philadelphia, PA area**

June 2, 2009

2:00–4:30 p.m. and 7:00–9:30 p.m.  
(eastern daylight time)

#### **Atlanta, GA area**

June 4, 2009

2:00–4:30 p.m. and 7:00–9:30 p.m.  
(eastern daylight time)

#### **Chicago, IL area**

June 9, 2009

2:00–4:30 p.m. and 7:00–9:30 p.m.  
(central daylight time)

#### **Fort Worth, TX area**

June 11, 2009

2:00–4:30 p.m. and 7:00–9:30 p.m.  
(central daylight time)

#### **Rockville, MD**

June 23, 2009

2:00–4:30 p.m. and 7:00–9:30 p.m.  
(eastern daylight time)

## How will the meetings be conducted?

NRC representatives will discuss the changes included in the proposed rule and in the supporting onsite EP program guidance. FEMA representatives will also present information on the changes included in draft guidance for offsite organizations. Attendees are strongly encouraged to read the documents on <http://www.regulations.gov> (Docket Nos. NRC-2008-0122 and FEMA-2008-0022) before the meeting.

Teleconferencing and Web conferencing capabilities may be available for the meetings to allow for remote participation. Each meeting will include a time for participation from all those attending in person, by telephone, or through the Web. To allow participation by all who wish to speak, the meeting moderator may ask meeting attendees to limit their comments. For information on how to register to participate by telephone or through the Web, please see the notice for the meeting that you wish to attend on the NRC Web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm>.

## Which regulations and guidance are associated with this rulemaking?

The following regulations and guidance are associated with this rulemaking:

### **NRC EP Regulations**

- 10 CFR 50.47
- 10 CFR 50.54(q)
- 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E

### **NRC EP Guidance**

- interim staff guidance for emergency planning for nuclear power plants
- regulatory guide on making changes to emergency response plans for nuclear power reactors (10 CFR 50.54(q))
- NUREG/CR for evacuation time estimate updates

### **FEMA Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) guidance**

- NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Supplement 4
- REP Program Manual