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Questions or Comments?

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This issue of Emergency Preparedness & Response News is devoted to the upcoming public meetings to discuss the proposed rule for enhancements to emergency preparedness (EP) regulations and proposed changes to related guidance.

Why are we holding public meetings?

Public meetings will serve the following purposes:

- introduce the proposed U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regulations related to enhancing emergency preparedness (EP) requirements
- introduce NRC and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) draft guidance documents jointly and to explain the alignment of the documents
- answer questions about the proposed rule and draft guidance documents and to describe the next steps in the rulemaking process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These meetings will provide opportunities for NRC and FEMA staff to answer questions about the proposed regulations and draft guidance; they are not forums to negotiate the content of the proposed rule or draft guidance documents.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 take place?

King of Prussia, PA
Park Ridge Hotel and Conference Center
480 N Gulph Road
King of Prussia, PA 19406
June 2, 2009
2:00–4:30 p.m. and 7:00–9:30 p.m.
(eastern daylight time)

Lisle, IL
Hilton Lisle
3003 Corporate West Drive
Lisle, IL 60532
June 9, 2009
2:00–4:30 p.m. and 7:00–9:30 p.m.
(central daylight time)

Estero, FL
Hyatt Place Coconut Point
23120 Via Villagio
Estero, FL 33928
June 16, 2009
7:00–9:30 p.m.
(eastern daylight time)

Atlanta, GA
Georgian Terrace Hotel
659 Peachtree St. NE
Atlanta, GA 30308
June 4, 2009
2:00–4:30 p.m. and 7:00–9:30 p.m.
(eastern daylight time)

Irving, TX
Westin Dallas Fort Worth Airport
4545 W. John Carpenter Freeway
Irving, TX 75063
June 11, 2009
2:00–4:30 p.m. and 7:00–9:30 p.m.
(central daylight time)

Bethesda, MD
Marriott Residence Inn
7335 Wisconsin Ave.
Bethesda, MD 20814
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 IDs. NRC-2008-0122 and FEMA-2008-0022) before the meeting.

Teleconferencing and Web conferencing capabilities will 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 participate by telephone or through the Web, please email emergencypreparedness.resource@nrc.gov at least **two business days** before the meeting you wish to attend. Alternatively, you may call Annette Stang (301-415-2918) or Jeff Temple (301-415-0156). Please note your name, phone number and email address. If you plan to participate through the Web, you will receive an email from Sara Sahm inviting you to register for the meeting. Once you have registered, you will receive a calendar item to remind you of the meeting. That appointment will have the information

How can you comment on the proposed rule and draft guidance documents?

Interested persons are encouraged to provide written comments on the documents through http://www.regulations.gov.

NRC Proposed Regulations and Draft Guidance

Regulations.gov

http://www.regulations.gov
Docket ID. NRC-2008-0122

E-mail

Rulemaking.Comments@nrc.gov

Mail/Hand Delivery/Courier

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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555-0001
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FEMA Draft Guidance

Regulations.gov

http://www.regulations.gov
Docket ID. FEMA-2008-0022

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Do you have an upcoming event to highlight?

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