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Mr. Christopher G. Miller
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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Subject: Request Scheduled Meetings to Clarify Staff Positions Discussed at NRC/FEMA Rulemaking Public Meetings

Project Number: 689

Dear Mr. Miller:

The NRC and FEMA held a series of eleven public meetings between June 2nd and June 23rd to introduce the proposed emergency preparedness rulemaking (*74 Fed. Reg. 23254*) and respond to stakeholder questions regarding the staff's insights on the proposed rule and draft guidance development.

The industry appreciated the opportunity to attend all of these meetings and commends the Staff's responsiveness to specific questions on each area of the proposed emergency preparedness rule. During the course of the meetings, NEI requested follow up meetings in order to gain an additional understanding of the issues to facilitate complete, clear, concise comments, and recommendations in our response to the proposed rule and guidance.

We would like to proceed with a series of three independent public meetings (#1 On-Shift Staffing, #2 topical issues related to offsite response, #3 50.54(q)). Once the dates are agreed upon, NEI will provide a general outline of the topics and questions to be discussed in advance of the meeting. The following proposed dates and draft agenda are provided for your consideration.

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Topic: On-Shift Staffing

Time: 9 A.M. -12 Noon

Proposed Dates: 8/18, 8/19 or 8/20

Topic: Topical Issues Related to Offsite Response

Time: 9 A.M. -12 Noon

Proposed Dates: 8/25, 8/26 or 8/27

Topic: 50.54q

Time 9 A.M. -12 Noon

Proposed Dates: 9/9 or 9/10

Proposed Draft Agenda

- Introductions
- Opening remarks - NRC and NEI
- Question and answer session
- Public comment period
- Closing remarks

Please contact either me (202 739-8110) or apn@nei.org, or Marty Hug (202 739-8129) mth@nei.org if you have any questions regarding our request.

Sincerely,



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