

Outline of Enclosure

Page 2 – Sample of modified EP FAQ homepage.

Page 3 – Sample of proposed resolution table to be included beneath currently existing EP FAQs on the webpage.

Page 4-5 – Sample of question submission template.



Protecting People and the Environment

About NRC

Nuclear Reactors

Nuclear Materials

Radioactive Waste

Nuclear Security

Public Meetings & Involvement

Emergency Preparedness and Response

About Emergency Preparedness

About Emergency Response

How Can I Prepare for a Radiological Emergency?

What Do I Do in a Radiological Emergency?

Public Meetings and Workshops

Rulemaking Activities

Regulations, Guidance, and Generic Communications

Related Information and Other Resources

Newsletter

Contact Us

Home > [About NRC](#) > [Emergency Preparedness and Response](#) > [FAQ](#)

Frequently Asked Questions About Emergency Preparedness and Response

On this page:

- [About Emergency Preparedness](#)
- [About Emergency Response](#)
- [EPFAQ Clarification of Guidance](#) --- This will link to the bottom of this page where resolution table will be located.

If you are unable to find an answer to your question, [Click here to submit a question.](#) --- This will link to template for EPFAQ submission.

About Emergency Preparedness

- What is emergency preparedness?
- How has emergency preparedness changed since the September 11, 2001 attacks?
- Who is responsible for emergency preparedness oversight?
- What are the regulations governing emergency preparedness for nuclear reactors?
- Will the emergency planning requirements for new nuclear power reactors be any different from those for currently operating reactors?
- How do I know that NRC licensees are complying with emergency preparedness regulations and guidance?
- How are NRC Inspectors qualified to inspect for emergency preparedness?
- What is "reasonable assurance"?
- What happens if the NRC does not make a finding of reasonable assurance?
- How can the public become involved in the emergency planning and preparedness process?
- What are the 10-mile and 50-mile emergency planning zones?
- Will radiation from a nuclear power plant accident spread out over the entire 10-mile EPZ?
- What if conditions don't allow for an evacuation?
- What are evacuation time estimates?
- Will sheltering result in a higher radiation dose than evacuation?
- Have there been any evacuations as a result of nuclear emergencies?
- What are "shadow evacuations"?
- Are emergency preparedness exercises effective?
- What is potassium iodide?
- What is the role of potassium iodide in radiological emergency preparedness?
- Why is KI only being provided to the 10-mile EPZ around nuclear power plants?
- Will KI be effective in case of a terrorist attack or dirty bomb?

[Index to all Frequently Asked Question Pages](#)

How does the Federal government respond to a radiation emergency?

The Federal Government’s response to a radiation emergency is guided by the [National Response Framework](#) **EXIT**, which is an all hazards plan for domestic incident response.

 [TOP](#)

Where can I get more information about radiation?

Please refer to [NRC's Radiation Protection](#) page.

 [TOP](#)

If I have a safety concern, whom should I call?

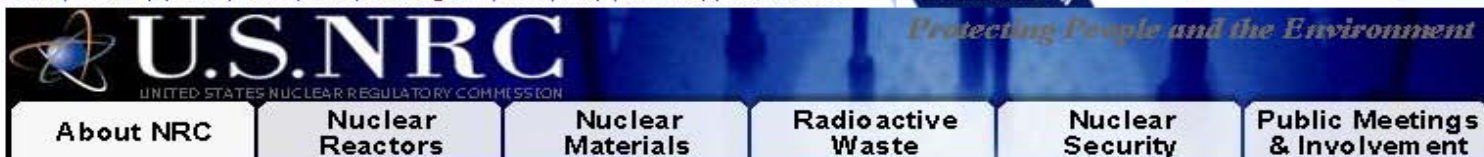
Please refer to [Report a Safety Concern](#).

 [TOP](#)

EPFAQ Clarification of Guidance

EPFAQ #	Date Received	Description of Issue	Date/Status of Resolution	Detailed Resolution
XXX-XXX	4/6/11		Under review as of 4/11/11	Not yet available.
YYY-YYY	4/5/11		Final resolution issued 4/8/11	FAQ_1.HTML

If your question is not answered above, [click here](#) to submit a question.



Emergency Preparedness Frequently Asked Questions for Clarification of Guidance

A potential EPFAQ should address issues where the regulatory guidance may not be sufficiently clear, or where consistency in application would benefit both the NRC and licensees. To be considered as an EPFAQ, the originator shall apply the following criteria:

- The question must be sufficiently generic (i.e. the question must affect more than one licensee or plant without consideration or evaluation of site-specific information?).
- The question relates to guidance applicable to licensees. Questions related to the development, implementation or evaluation of offsite emergency plans and preparedness are the responsibility of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), per the FEMA/NRC Memorandum of Understanding contained in Appendix A to 44 CFR Part 353, and will not be accepted under this EPFAQ process.
- The question does not involve unresolved inspection issues, enforcement actions, allegations, or other situations covered by existing regulatory processes.
- The question does not involve classified, safeguards, or official use only information.
- The question does not directly request interpretation of NRC regulations, clarification of guidance not yet published as final, or NEI/Industry documents submitted but not endorsed by the NRC.
- The question does not request clarification of on-going licensing activities submitted for NRC approval in accordance with 10 CFR 50.54(q) or Appendix E to 10 CFR Part 50.
- The question does not pertain to the EP Performance Indicators, Baseline EP Inspection Procedures, or Appendix Manual Chapter 0609 (EP Significance Determination Process).

If all of the above criteria are met, then an EPFAQ is appropriate

Disclaimer: The information in any response to an email sent to this address is provided as a public service and solely for informational purposes and is not, nor should be deemed as, an official NRC position, opinion or guidance, or "a written interpretation by the General Counsel" under 10 CFR 50.3, on any matter to which the information may relate. The opinions, representations, positions, interpretations, guidance or recommendations which may be expressed by the NRC technical staff responding to an inquiry are solely the NRC technical staff's and do not necessarily represent the same for the NRC. Accordingly, the fact that the information was obtained through the NRC technical staff will not have a precedential effect in any legal or regulatory proceeding. Final FAQ Resolution may be used to revise the applicable EP guidance document in a future revision process.

If you are reporting a safety or security concern, please utilize the following link:

[Report a Safety or Security Concern](#)

Question or Comment: (including relevant background information) (Required)

Relevant guidance: (Required for clarification of guidance.)

Proposed solution: (Optional)

Attached Documents: (Optional)

If you want an NRC response, fill out the information below. Your phone number will assist us if we need to clarify your request. Please review our [Privacy Policy](#) before sending us this information.

Originator:

E-mail: (Required for an NRC response)

Organization:

Phone:

Note: Submitting this information is voluntary. Your submission consents to its use as set forth in NRC's [Privacy Policy](#).

To submit a question by mail, send the above information to:

Mailstop T3B46M
Deputy Director for Emergency Preparedness
Division of Preparedness and Response
Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville Md. 20852