



FEMA

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Dear Ms. Bell:

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Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Nuclear Regulatory (NRC) are set to embark on a significant initiative to revise NUREG-0654 /FEMA-REP-1. As we begin devising a comprehensive and systematic approach to accomplish this critical multi-year project, the NRC and FEMA will conduct public meetings to start this initiative. We are requesting feedback from key REP program constituency organizations in an effort to formulate an approach that represents the best interests and equities of our stakeholder base to the maximum extent achievable. Our goal is to invite stakeholder involvement, provide open channels of communication and encourage a spirit of transparency throughout each and every step of the revision process. Both agencies have agreed that conducting a set of two initial public meetings is the first prudent step in achieving this goal.

To that end, Mr. Robert Lewis, Director of the Division of Preparedness and Response at the NRC and I would like to cordially invite you (or designee) to consider attending and participating in one of the two upcoming kickoff public meetings. In those meetings we hope to engage stakeholders in an initial dialogue on the strategy and scope of the revision to NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Rev. 1.

The two public meetings have been scheduled and their dates and locations are as follows:

- August 22, 2012 1-5pm CST
USDA Center
Kansas City, MO
- September 13, 2012 1-5pm EST
NRC Headquarters
Rockville, MD

The four hours allotted for each of the public meetings should provide ample time for FEMA and NRC to outline (in broad and general terms) a proposed approach as well as introduce some of the topics the staff within each agency has identified as areas to consider for revision. We are asking that you or your representative speak for approximately 15 minutes during the formal segment of the agenda. During this session, we look forward to hearing your thoughts on what portions of


NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1 are still applicable, and relevant to contemporary radiological emergency preparedness tenets and practices and what you would recommend as the highest priority items for FEMA and NRC to consider revising, updating or deleting from the document. There will also be time set aside for the public to provide input and feedback as well.

Due to federal budget constraints, we are unable to offer invitational travel for either of these two meetings. However, if you or your designee are unable to travel in person to these meetings (due to scheduling and/or budgetary constraints), we can arrange for web conferencing that will enable your participation. Please contact Lou DeGilio at lou.degilio@fema.dhs.gov for details.

We need to finalize our participants list as soon as possible in order to meet the requirements associated with announcing these meetings in the Federal Register. Therefore, I request that you notify Mr. DeGilio, no later than July 20, 2012, if you or someone else in your organization is planning to attend one of these meetings.

Thank you in advance for your continued interest and support related to these radiological emergency preparedness matters of mutual interest to our respective offices.

Sincerely,



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