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## NRC, FEMA SEEK PUBLIC INPUT IN UPDATING EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GUIDANCE; MEETING AUG. 22 IN KANSAS CITY, MO.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will meet with the public, state/local officials and other interested groups Aug. 22 in Kansas City, Mo., to discuss a proposed update to the agencies' guidance for emergency preparedness plans at U.S. nuclear power plants.

Both the NRC and FEMA currently evaluate those plans using a single set of requirements, "<u>Criteria for Preparation and Evaluation of Radiological Emergency Response</u> <u>Plans and Preparedness in Support of Nuclear Power Plants.</u>" The agencies are starting what is expected to be a multiyear process for revising these criteria to incorporate what's been learned since the guidance was published in 1980.

The meeting will run from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Dept. of Agriculture, 6501 Beacon Drive, in Kansas City. The public will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments during the meeting. The meeting will include both a teleconference and Web conference. Anyone interested in calling in or viewing the Web conference should contact Annette Stang at 301-415-2918 or <u>EmergencyPreparedness.Resource@nrc.gov</u> by Aug. 17 for instructions. A similar meeting will be held at NRC Headquarters in Rockville, Md., on Sept. 13.

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NOTE: Anyone wishing to take photos or use a camera to record any portion of a NRC meeting should contact the Office of Public Affairs beforehand.

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