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The National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) appreciates the opportunity to support this review process. I have a prepared statement addressing NEMA's participation.

NEMA and the states have been working more closely with FEMA and the NRC in recent years. NEMA re-activated its REP Subcommittee after the recent release of the REP Program Manual when states had questions about some of the changes. Both FEMA and the NRC were totally receptive to NEMA on behalf of the states seeking more involvement and inclusion up front on radiological issues. This proved beneficial after the Fukushima accident. There were some communications/messaging issues between the federal government and the states, and we were able to work through those. At the last NEMA conference, the NRC arranged a tour of the NRC Operations Center for members of the REP Subcommittee. Now, leadership from the NEMA REP Subcommittee, FEMA, as well as the NRC have regular conversations. We plan to meet again at the next NEMA conference in October in Seattle. So far, all parties agree that the relationship has been productive and positive and we look forward to continued involvement.

As part of my function here today, I will be taking note of any process questions identified and will provide these to NEMA for review and future input.