

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION (EPFAQ)

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RELEVANT GUIDANCE: APPENDIX E TO PART 50, SECTION IV.A.9

APPLICABLE SECTION(S)

QUESTION OR COMMENT:

Appendix E to Part 50, Section IV.A.9 requires by December 24, 2012, for nuclear power reactor licensees, a detailed analysis demonstrating that on-shift personnel assigned emergency plan implementation functions are not assigned responsibilities that would prevent the timely performance of their assigned functions as specified in the emergency plan. An applicant for an early site permit under Part 52 that chooses to propose either major features of an, or a complete and integrated, emergency plan (§ 52.17(b)(2)), or a combined license under Part 52 (§ 52.79(a)(21)) whose application is docketed before December 23, 2011 may choose to defer compliance with this rule until December 31, 2013.

Question: How may an applicant comply with the A.9 requirement by December 31, 2013 when:

- EOPs, AOPs and EIPs are not yet written?
- There is not yet a qualified on-shift staff?
- Job task analysis for the on-shift staff are not completed?
- A simulator is not yet available to perform time-motion studies?

PROPOSED SOLUTION:

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NRC RESPONSE:

The NRC agrees with the proposed solution as stated:

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