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General Comment

I would recommend that DOE and NRC increase allocated funding for public engagement support efforts for communities where Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) and other advanced reactor types will be employed. It is my understanding that such programs and funding exist within the transportation program, but the NRC should strongly consider more public outreach beyond typical presentations within the professional nuclear community. These conferences are often cost-prohibitive to members of the general public, and doing presentations jointly with local emergency service departments is likely to build public trust for future efforts by DOE and NRC. The proposed engagement sessions should be open for public comments and have other ways for citizens to participate, such as small group discussion and written/verbal question and comment periods.