

Session Title: Emergency Preparedness and Incident Response—Federal Emergency Management Agency Activities at Nuclear Power Plants

Description: The role of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) during emergency incidents at and near nuclear power plants is the subject of this interactive session. FEMA's responsibilities include the evaluation of the adequacy of State and local emergency programs and plans, which include the conduct of periodic evaluated drills and exercises. As part of a joint FEMA/NRC effort, FEMA-sponsored various focus groups with local and state response organizations and licensees throughout the country to obtain insights on potential enhancements to radiological emergency preparedness (REP) exercise scenarios. FEMA is continuing to standardize nationwide exercise design, conduct, evaluation, and improvement planning to bring the REP Exercise Program into compliance with Presidential Directives. One major step toward standardization will be the integration of REP exercises into the Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program (HSEEP). Finally, FEMA has a key role in the review of new reactor applications dealing with the effectiveness of State and local plans and preparedness and has developed various processes in coordination with the NRC for conducting COLA reviews.

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Focus Group Outcomes: Exercise Scenario Enhancements
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REP Exercise Synchronization with the Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program
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FEMA Role: Licensing Process for New Reactors
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