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INFORMATION AVAILABLE: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS RULEMAKING (FSME-08-024)

Purpose: This communication is to inform you about the availability of draft preliminary rule language for the enhancement to the emergency preparedness regulations in 10 CFR Part 50 for nuclear power plants, and to request* your review and comments regarding the draft guidance.

Background: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is making draft preliminary rule language available to stakeholders in an effort to begin early outreach on the Emergency Preparedness (EP) Rulemaking. The language may be found at ADAMS ML080370075 on the NRC website. The Proposed Rule is scheduled to be published in the *Federal Register* in February 2009 and a public comment process will take place, however the NRC staff believes that outreach early in the rulemaking process will facilitate better communication between stakeholders and the NRC, produce a more informed proposed rule, and provide a smoother transition from proposed rule to final rule. In addition, the staff will be hosting a meeting on March 5, 2008 to discuss the draft preliminary rule language with stakeholders. A public meeting notice will be available on the NRC public website, <http://www.nrc.gov/public-involve/public-meetings/index.cfm>, at least 10 days before the meeting.

A Rulemaking Plan is also available on the NRC website, <http://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/regulatory/rulemaking/rulemaking-plans.html>, which describes the issues included in the EP Rulemaking. The draft preliminary rule language includes comments in the margin with cross-references to the Rulemaking Plan Attachments for each of the issues, so that stakeholders may understand the staff's intent in the draft language.

Contents: Draft preliminary rule language

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