

TASK 1: ESTABLISH EXERCISE DATE

Description

The date(s) when the REP exercise will be conducted is established through a consultation process involving State and local governments, other organizations that will participate in the exercise, involved FEMA Regional Offices, RAC members, and the licensee. When the exercise is scheduled, the FEMA Regional Office informs FEMA HQ of the date. The date(s) is established to meet specific regulatory requirements.

Milestone

The preferred milestone date for completion of this task is 365 days in advance of the exercise. It is recognized that as a result of the consultative process described above, this date may be negotiated at some figure less than 365 days. It is recommended that the date provide at least six months for exercise preparation and planning. Modifications to the agreed-upon date may be necessary to accommodate unforeseen scheduling conflicts.

References

44 CFR Part 350.9.

Products

Specific date(s) on which the exercise will occur.

Guidance

For States requesting FEMA approval of radiological emergency plans under the FEMA rule 44 CFR Part 350, the State, involved local governments and other support organizations should participate in a qualifying exercise. Once the qualifying exercise provision has been met, joint exercises should be conducted biennially (i.e., every two years) under the provisions of 44 CFR Part 350.9 (c)(1)-(4) and 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E, F.3, and by December 31 of the second year following the exercise. For example, if the first biennial exercise is completed in March 1991, the second exercise should be completed by the end of December 1993.

Pre-operational exercises, under the NRC rule 10 CFR Part 50, Appendix E, F.1., shall be conducted no more than two years prior to NRC issuing an operating license to licensees. These exercises should be jointly scheduled by involved State and local organizations, RAC members, the licensee, and other responsible parties with FEMA and NRC

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concurrency.

When two FEMA Regions are involved in the same exercise, the host Regional Office should have the lead FEMA role in establishing dates for exercises. The host Regional Office is the FEMA Region where a commercial nuclear power plant is located.