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Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program

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Overview

On December 7, 1979, following the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant accident in Pennsylvania, President Carter transferred the Federal lead role in offsite radiological emergency planning and preparedness activities from the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

FEMA established the Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Program to (1) ensure the health and safety of citizens living around commercial nuclear power plants would be adequately protected in the event of a nuclear power plant accident; and (2) inform and educate the public about radiological emergency preparedness.

REP Program responsibilities encompass only “offsite” activities, that is, State, tribal and local government emergency planning and preparedness activities that take place beyond the nuclear power plant boundaries. Onsite activities continue to be the responsibility of the NRC.

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Additional Information

Offices & Committees

Headquarters:
Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program
500 C Street, SW (Crystal City Offices)
Washington, DC 20472

[Regional Offices](#)

[Federal Radiological Preparedness Coordinating Committee](#)

FEMA and NRC MOU – Steering Committee ([PDF](#) 47KB, [TXT](#) 28KB)

Related Documents

- Planning Guidance For Protection And Recovery Following Radiological Dispersal Device And Improvised Nuclear Device Incidents Fact Sheet ([PDF](#) 35KB, [TXT](#) 8KB)
- Nuclear/Radiological Incident Annex ([PDF](#) 220KB, [TXT](#) 93KB)
- [NUREG-0654/FEMA-REP-1, Guidance](#) (NRC.gov)
- Interim REP Program Manual ([PDF](#) 1.1MB, [TXT](#) 703KB)

Related Resources and Activities

- [Nuclear Reactor Sites](#) (NRC.gov)
- [FEMA REP On-line Operations Center: <https://ooc.fema-rep.com/>](#)
- [Hostile Action Drills](#) (LLIS.gov)
- REP Training Schedule ([PDF](#) 59KB, [TXT](#) 1KB)
- REP Exercise Schedule ([PDF](#) 21KB, [TXT](#) 11KB)

Planning Guidance For Protection And Recovery Following Radiological Dispersal Device And Improvised Nuclear Device Incidents

- Protective Action Guides ([PDF](#) 461KB, [TXT](#) 171KB)

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Government Links

[Use of Potassium Iodide \(NRC\)](#)
[Protective Action Guides \(EPA\)](#)
[Lessons Learned Information Sharing \(LLIS\)](#)

