

Implementation of Security EP-Based Exercises

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Proposed NEI 06-04 Guidelines

- 10/06 letter from DHS to NEI: REP staff would review & provide recommendations for incorporating guidelines into ongoing efforts in light of current threat environment
- Merits of security-based scenarios recognized
- Security-based scenarios provide unique challenges for off-site response organizations (OROs)
- All evaluation criteria must still be demonstrated in order to maintain reasonable assurance



Exercise Scenario Working Group

- Joint effort between NRC & FEMA
- Designed to develop recommendations for realistic & challenging EP exercise scenarios
- Will establish a framework for future engagement of external stakeholders
- WG members:
 - Joe Anderson, NRC
 - Howie Crouch, NRC
 - Bob Swartz, FEMA Region I
 - Scott Flowerday, FEMA Region VI
 - Norm Valentine, FEMA Region VII



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Step 1: Reach alignment on key recommendations

- Short-term recommendations:
 - Non-sequential escalation in event classification
 - Radiological release options, to include alternative evaluation methods
 - Varying release conditions
 - Spectrum of event scenarios, to include security-threat events
- Long-term recommendations



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Step 2: Identify scope of changes required

- Review short-term recommendations against existing regulations & guidance, along with recent observations from tabletops, drills, & exercises
- Develop proposed timeline

Step 3: Solicit stakeholder input & initiate necessary regs & guidance revisions

- Goal: Calendar Year 2010



Questions?



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