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PUBLICATION OF FEDERAL REGISTER NOTICE REGARDING FINAL RULE RELATED TO  
ENHANCEMENTS TO EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REGULATIONS (FEDERAL  
REGISTER NUMBER 2011-29735; RIN: 3150-A110) (FSME-11-103)

**Purpose:** For your information, on November 23, 2011, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) published in the *Federal Register* changes to Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* 50.47, 50.54, Appendix E to Part 50 and 52.79.

**Background:** The final rule adds a conforming provision in the regulations that govern licenses, certifications, and approvals for new nuclear power plants. The final rule codifies certain voluntary protective measures contained in NRC Bulletin 2005-02, "Emergency Preparedness and Response Actions for Security-Based Events," and generically applicable requirements similar to those previously imposed by Commission orders. In addition, the final rule amends other licensee emergency plan requirements based on a comprehensive review of the NRC's emergency preparedness (EP) regulations and guidance.

**Discussion:** The requirements enhance the ability of licensees in preparing to take, and in taking, certain EP and protective measures in the event of a radiological emergency; address, in part, security issues identified after the terrorist events of September 11, 2001; clarify regulations to effect consistent emergency plan implementation among licensees; and modify certain EP requirements to be more effective and efficient. This final rule is effective on December 23, 2011.

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