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ALL AGREEMENT AND NON-AGREEMENT STATES
STATE LIAISON OFFICERS

STATE TRAINING FOR THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION EMERGENCY RESPONSE DATA SYSTEM MODERNIZATION PROJECT (FSME-07-095)

Purpose: To provide States with training dates and information for the Emergency Response Data System (ERDS) Modernization Project

Background: The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) ERDS is an information technology system that collects nuclear power plant performance and environmental data that the NRC and State personnel analyze during emergencies. ERDS is designed to collect plant performance and environmental data from commercial nuclear power reactors regulated by the NRC and to display that data to ERDS users. Earlier this year, NRC initiated a project to modernize ERDS and completion is expected by January 2008. To facilitate training for all users, the NRC is offering ERDS initial user training that will be taught through a combination of instructor lead courses offered at the NRC regional offices, WebEx sessions and self-paced user guides. There are currently 21 ERDS state users as follows: AZ, DE, GA, IA, KS, LA, MD, MA, MI, MN, NH, NJ, NY, NC, OH, PA, SC, TN, VT, WA, and WI. Training is being offered to States who currently have ERDS access, and to States who may be interested in obtaining this capability.

Training Objectives: The primary objective of the training program is to train NRC and State users prior to switching over from the legacy ERDS to the modernized ERDS. Upon successful completion of the training options mentioned above, users will be able to access and view ERDS data, accomplish a successful logon to the desktop and/or web portal, navigate to the facility that is transmitting data as allowed by their log on credentials, navigate within the screens available for the plant and unit transmitting data and work with the tools that are available to them for creating and viewing single or multiple point trends. Upon successful completion of the user training, users will be provided a certificate of completion. For State staff not able to participate in the NRC Regional based training, WebEx sessions and self-paced individual learning through user manuals supplemented with telephone helpdesk support will be offered by the NRC.

System Access: The new system will allow State users to connect to the system via the Internet. This process will require the users to obtain a Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) certificate. Information on the process to obtain these certificates will be provided at a later date.

Training Schedule and Points of Contact:

NRC Region I	King of Prussia, Pennsylvania	January 16 & 17, 2008
Contact	Nancy McNamara	610-337-5337
NRC Region II	Atlanta, Georgia	January 8 & 9, 2008
Contact	Robert Trojanowski	404-562-4427
NRC Region III	Lisle, Illinois	November 27 & 28, 2007
Contact	Roland Lickus	630-829-9660
NRC Region IV	Arlington, Texas	December 11 & 12, 2007
Contact	William Maier	817-860-8267

Action: States ERDS users desiring to participate in the ERDS Modernization Project Training should contact the Regional State Liaison Officer in their respective region within 14 days of this letter. States are responsible for all travel expenses associated with participation in ERDS training.

NRC Point of Contact for State ERDS Users: If you have any questions regarding this request for information, please contact Andrea R. Jones of my staff at 301-415-2309 or ARJ@NRC.GOV.

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