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NEWS RELEASE

FEMA PRAISES STAKEHOLDER STRENGTHS DEMONSTRATED DURING GRADED EXERCISE FOR SEABROOK STATION

CONCORD, N.H. – On April 3 the Department of Safety’s Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management along with local, state and federal partners successfully concluded the Seabrook Station plume exposure pathway graded exercise.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) released its after-action report on the exercise, which offers praise for all participants, on June 27.

“All locations demonstrated excellent teamwork, collaboration, and situational awareness throughout the exercise, and demonstrated their commitment to protecting their communities,” FEMA wrote in the report.

Graded exercise cycles for Seabrook Station are held every two years and include the State of New Hampshire, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the communities within the Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) in each state and representatives from NextEra Energy, the parent company of Seabrook Station.

“I am immensely proud of how our team performed, demonstrating strong preparedness and good planning,” said Governor Chris Sununu. “The praise received in the after-action report highlights the State’s commitment to ensuring the safety of Granite Staters. New Hampshire continues to be a leader by setting high standards for safety throughout our state.”

HSEM’s Radiological Emergency Preparedness Section (REP) leads the planning for the exercise putting in more than a year’s worth of work leading up to the event. The exercise cycle consists of a workshop, a table-top exercise, and two combined functional exercises and concludes with a federally graded exercise. The REP team also holds additional exercises outside of the graded exercise with reception center communities, the state transportation staging area, and special facilities, such as hospitals.

“Our dedicated team at HSEM puts in an enormous amount of effort to work with all of our partners to ensure the success of the graded exercise,” said HSEM Director Robert Buxton. “The success is a

testament to the hard work put forth. I would like to thank all our partners as we could not have executed this without them.”

New Hampshire holds the largest nuclear power station graded exercise in the country in terms of offsite response organizations (ORO). The 2024 exercise consisted of more than 500 participants and 63 evaluators in over 33 locations.

“All of our partners contribute to our success,” said David Vaillancourt, chief of HSEM’s Radiological Emergency Preparedness Section. “We cannot do it alone. We want to thank every one of our partners for their hard work to keep New Hampshire safe.”

Learn more about emergency preparedness for Seabrook Station at [ReadyNH.gov](https://www.ReadyNH.gov).

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