



International Radiation Protection Association

To the Presidents
of IRPA Associate Societies

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Dear Associate Society Presidents,

The International Atomic Energy Agency has submitted the draft General Safety Requirements Part.7 (DS457) "**Preparedness and Response for a Nuclear or Radiological Emergency**" to IRPA for review and comments in its role as the international voice of the radiation protection community. The document is available at:

<http://www-ns.iaea.org/standards/documents/draft-ms-posted.asp?s=11&l=85>

IRPA requests that you concentrate on the following portions of the report for your comments:

- Requirement 3: Assessment of hazards
- Requirement 5: Identifying, notifying, and activating
- Requirement 6: Taking mitigating actions
- Requirement 7: Taking urgent protective actions and other response actions
- Requirement 8: Providing information and issuing warnings and instructions to the public
- Requirement 9: Protecting emergency workers and helpers in emergency situations
- Requirement 10: Managing the medical response
- Requirement 11: Keeping the public informed
- Requirement 12: Taking early protective actions and other response actions
- Requirement 13: Managing radioactive waste during a nuclear or radiological emergency
- Requirement 21: Plans and procedures
- Requirement 23: Training, drills and exercises

Appendix I: Guidance values for restricting exposure to workers and helpers in an emergency

Appendix II: Generic criteria.

When soliciting comments from your members, please remember that your delegates to the General Assembly are your representatives to IRPA for the 2012-2016 timeframe and should participate in the review; of course other members are also welcome to review the document and

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provide comments if desired. IRPA would prefer to receive comments from your Associate Society as a whole, rather than from individual members, but the latter will be accepted.

Please submit your comments to Executive Council member Dr. Richard Toohey by email at treasurer@irpa.net by September 30, 2013. You will receive a draft IRPA comments document around October 15, 2013 for approval, with final concurrence due by October 31, 2013. The IRPA Executive Council will then review and submit the comments to IAEA by the closing date of November 20, 2013.

Thank you for assisting IRPA in this important task.

Sincerely yours,

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