10th Meeting of the Emergency Preparedness and Response Standards Committee (EPReSC)  
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Agenda Item 2.1

Information on CSS silence procedure for draft GSG-14 (Arrangements for Public Communication in Preparedness and Response for a Nuclear or Radiological Emergency)

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Background

GSG-14

- Technical editing by MTCD completed
- Submitted to CSS, silence procedure
- CSS review ended 26 June 2020
- Comments – UK - resolved
Revised text for 1.20 (a)
(under OBJECTIVE, refers to topics out of scope)
“This includes: public information in visitor centres; communication and informational materials unrelated to safety and nuclear security,....”

Issue
“The revised text changes the intent of the paragraph in an inappropriate way, so that it now refers to safety generally and not nuclear safety.”
Proposed text (Revert to the original text)

“This includes: public information in visitor centres; communication and informational materials unrelated to nuclear safety and security,....”

Resolution: aligned with Safety Glossary

“This includes: public information in visitor centres; communication and informational materials unrelated to nuclear safety and nuclear security,....”
3.74 and 5.6

- Text inconsistencies
- Topic: adverse circumstances complicate emergency response, e.g., pandemics, natural disasters, etc.
“The ability to provide and sustain effective public communication during a nuclear or radiological emergency may be challenged by a wide range of unconnected events including, for example, pandemics. Arrangements should include consideration of how to provide and sustain effective public communication in such situations.”
3.74 Proposed change
• Reference to “conflict” deleted

“Sufficient numbers of personnel should be available to conduct public communication (...) Situations such as outbreaks of disease, pandemics and other similar situations might preclude or limit personnel from assuming their duties. Arrangements should foresee means to ensure operational resilience to sustain effective public communication in such situations.”
• The revision in 3.74 is duplicated in 5.6 to remove inconsistency

• The term ‘unconnected’ is added.
  – to clarify that pandemic or similar situation is clearly not the initiator of the nuclear or radiological emergency.

• The term ‘arrangements’ is retained rather than the proposed ‘considerations’.
5.6

“Those responsible for public communication in an emergency should anticipate that if a nuclear or radiological emergency is initiated by a natural event (e.g. hurricane, earthquake, flood) or multiple events (i.e. the initial natural event and the subsequent events that give rise to the emergency), this could increase the complexity of the public communication response. **Unconnected situations** such as outbreaks of disease, pandemics and other similar situations might preclude or limit personnel from assuming their duties. **Arrangements** should foresee means to ensure operational resilience to sustain effective public communication in such situations.”
Next Steps

- Complete proofing
- Acquire print ready co-sponsor logos
- Finalize for print
This presentation is to note the current status of development. No action is requested at this time.
Thank you!