

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE
BUREAU OF HUMAN SERVICES LICENSING
Community Residential Rehabilitation Services for the Mentally III
(55 Pa.Code Chapter 5310)

Q/A - Regulatory Clarifications – October 2014

The clarifications and interpretations below will remain on the Department's web site until the information is included in the next updated Regulatory Compliance Guide (RCG).

Regulation: § 5310.72(h) – Safety Procedures

The CRRS must have a written plan and procedures for meeting emergencies, such as missing residents, fire, flood, strike, and internal or external disaster. These procedures must be reviewed with each new staff person and annually with all staff.

Question: Should a facility's Evacuation Procedures address a plan for evacuation if the facility is located within 10 miles of a nuclear power plant?

ANSWER: Yes. If a facility is located within 10 miles of a nuclear power plant, the facility must include in its Emergency Preparedness plan a plan to evacuate to a location at least 10 miles from the power plant should an evacuation be ordered by emergency management officials.