

# REMARKS

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**The State of the NRC is  
Good**

**Safety, Security, Emergency  
Preparedness, and Reliability  
are Synergistically Improving**

# Now on a Well-Marked Road

- We have done what needed to be done
  - We know what we have to do
  - We are getting better at what we do
  - We communicate it better
- and
- We know we are accountable

# NRC's Strategic Objective

Enable the use and management of radioactive materials and nuclear fuels for beneficial civilian purposes in a manner that protects public health and safety and the environment, promotes the security of our nation, and provides for regulatory actions that are open, effective, efficient, realistic, and timely

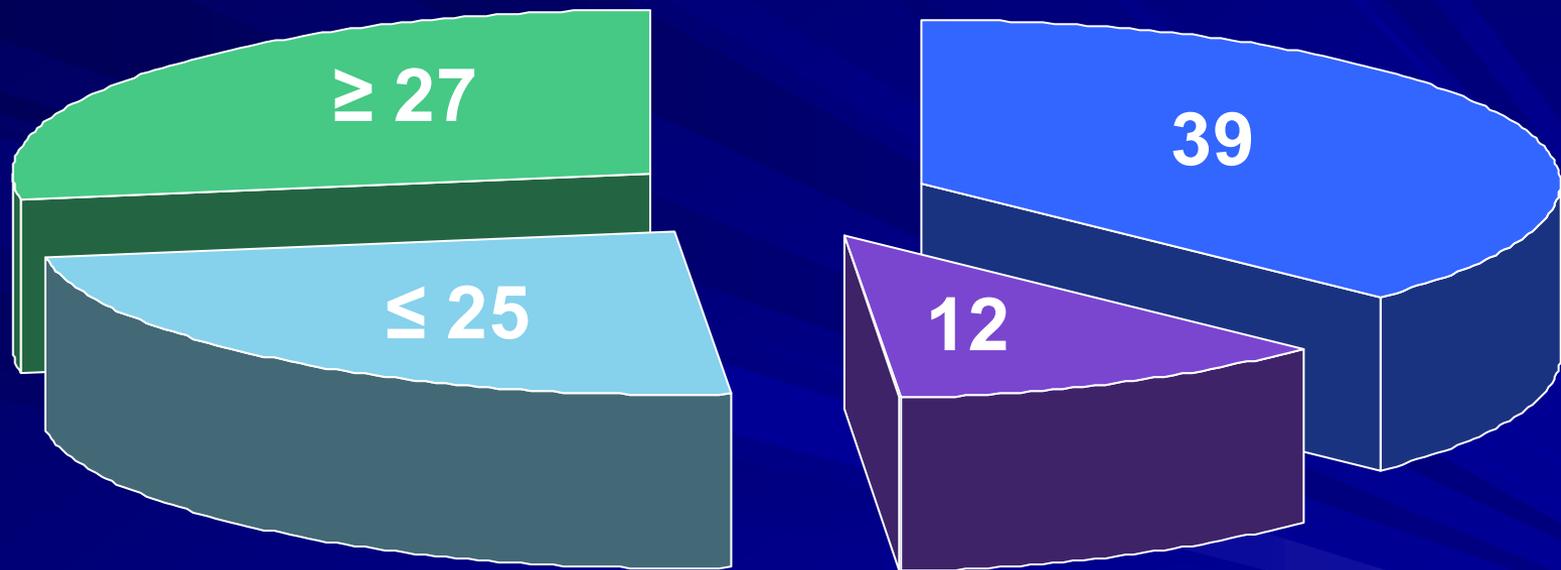
**We have forged  
together a  
strong and stable  
institution**

Complacency is to safety and reliability what realization is to humility:

Once you realize you have it,  
you've lost it

The United States of America  
must holistically address  
national security, energy  
security, economic security,  
and environmental  
stewardship

# License Renewal Program



■ **Granted**  
■ **Unannounced**

■ **Under NRC Review**  
■ **Intend to Renew**

# Risk-Informed Initiatives

- 10 CFR 50.46a
- 10 CFR 50.69
- NFPA-805
- Considering comprehensive risk-informed framework for new nuclear power plant licensing

# Materials Safety

- Much activity in licensing major facilities  
(e.g., MOX, LES, ACF)
- Energy Policy Act will have large impact  
on materials regulatory activities
- Other factors will also drive activities  
(e.g., GNEP)

# Research

- Commission remains committed to an effective and forward-looking research program that will produce timely and practical support to NRC's day-to-day regulatory programs

# Security

- NRC is institutionalizing interim actions through rulemaking
- Energy Policy Act added new requirements
- Continuing to conduct assessments and oversight

# International

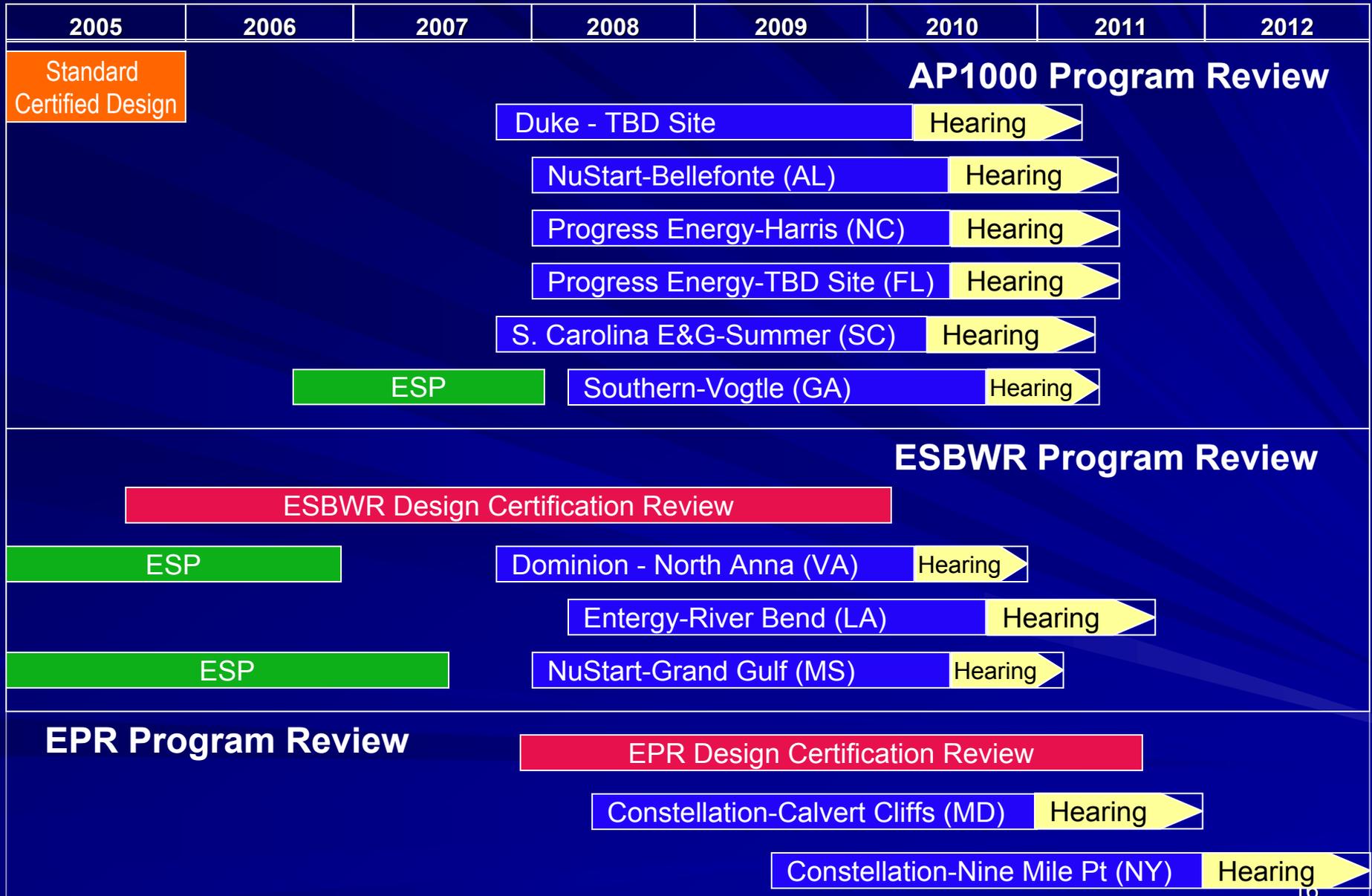
- Realities of increasing internationalization in the nuclear marketplace
- International partnerships becoming more important
- President's Global Nuclear Energy Partnership
- Multinational Design Approval

# Organization and Staffing

- The agency's licensing and regulatory responsibilities, including potential new roles, require the NRC to continue to improve the organization, prioritize, manage, use resources well, and better implement every major agency function
- NRC must recruit and retain people with critical skills
- Additional space needed

# New Plant Licensing Applications

## An Estimated Schedule



A ROAD LESS TRAVELED

A ROAD NOT FAR

SOON