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Comments: Unlike the "Increase Public Confidence" Performance Goals for Nuclear Reactor Safety and Nuclear Materials Safety, the corresponding goal for Nuclear Waste Safety does not include a commitment to provide the general public [and other stakeholders] with a "meaningful role in our regulatory program." Affording a meaningful role in NRC's regulatory program is vital to public confidence in all areas NRC regulates. This omission should be corrected.

That being said, it is not at all clear that the strategies and measures cited in the draft plan for any of the areas (reactor, materials or waste safety) amount to providing a "meaningful" role for members of the general public, and non-licensee stakeholders. If the Commission is serious about enhancing public confidence, it is incumbent upon the Commission to act in a meaningful way in response to public concerns. Just "listening," and then proceeding to do what was intended all along, or listening and acting disproportionately to the concerns of a single segment of the stakeholder community, is more likely to undermine, rather than enhance, public confidence.

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