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#### NRC RELEASES FINAL DECISIONS ON STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT ISSUES

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued final decisions on eight of the 16 direction-setting issues (DSIs) which are part of its strategic assessment and rebaselining initiative. Commission decisions have been made on the following issues:

- Oversight of the Department of Energy (DSI 2)
- NRC's Relationship with Agreement States (DSI 4)
- Low-Level Waste (DSI 5)
- High-Level Waste and Spent Fuel (DSI 6)
- Materials/Medical Oversight (DSI 7)
- Reactor Licensing for Future Applicants (DSI 10)
- The Role of Industry (DSI 13)
- Public Communications Initiatives (DSI 14)

Chairman Shirley Ann Jackson initiated the strategic assessment in 1995 to provide a solid foundation for the agency's direction and decision-making as it positions itself for current and future challenges. The Commission arrived at these decisions after meetings and discussions with the staff and after considering comments received from interested individuals during three public conferences in Washington, D.C., Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Chicago, Illinois.

The agency will use these decisions in developing a strategic plan that will encompass the agency's priorities, mission and goals. Decisions on the remaining issues will be released to the public five days after they are completed.

Copies of all decisions will be available at NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20037, telephone (1-800-397-4209) and electronically on our internet home page (<http://www.nrc.gov/OPA/>)

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