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### NRC ISSUES STRATEGIC FIVE YEAR PLAN

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has issued its second Strategic Plan which describes the agency's mission, the outcomes it plans to achieve and how it will determine whether it has achieved success through Fiscal Year 2005.

The plan emphasizes protection of public health and safety as the NRC's highest priority in the regulation of nuclear power plants, nuclear fuel cycle facilities, nuclear waste disposal, and the industrial and medical uses of nuclear materials. However, as stressed by Chairman Richard A. Meserve, "To be a successful regulator, we must consider the effects of our decisions on the public and the industries we regulate. Therefore, to accomplish our mission in the coming years, our performance goals in the strategic plan also include making our activities and decisions more effective and efficient, enhancing public confidence, and reducing unnecessary regulatory burden."

The plan includes goals, strategies and performance measures for the agency's four business areas that follow.

- **NUCLEAR REACTOR SAFETY**  
Strategic Goal: Prevent radiation-related deaths and illnesses, promote the common defense and security, and protect the environment in the use of civilian nuclear reactors.
- **NUCLEAR MATERIALS SAFETY**  
Strategic Goal: Prevent radiation-related deaths and illnesses, promote the common defense and security, and protect the environment in the use of source, byproduct and special nuclear material.
- **NUCLEAR WASTE SAFETY**  
Strategic Goal: Prevent significant adverse impacts from radioactive waste to the current and future public health and safety and the environment, and promote the common defense and security.
- **INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR SAFETY SUPPORT**  
Strategic Goal: Support U.S. interests in the safe and secure use of nuclear materials and in nuclear nonproliferation.

In addition, the NRC has developed four corporate management strategies which describe how the agency will conduct business to successfully accomplish its strategic and performance goals. These are: 1) employ innovative and sound business practices; 2) sustain a high-performing, diverse

workforce; 3) provide proactive information management and information technology services; and 4) communicate strategic change.

The NRC issued its first Strategic Plan in September 1997 and is required by the Government Performance and Results Act, to update it every three years.

The Strategic Plan (NUREG-1614, Volume 2) is available at [www.nrc.gov/NRC/NUREGS/SR1614/V2/index.html](http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/NUREGS/SR1614/V2/index.html) on NRC's web site. Copies are available from the U.S. Government Printing Office by calling 202-512-1800.

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