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# FUTURE LICENSING WORKSHOP



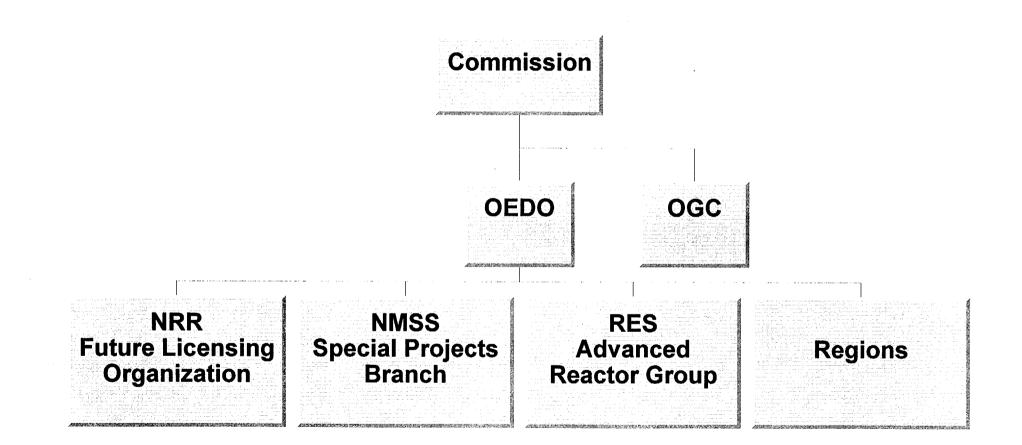
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## Purpose

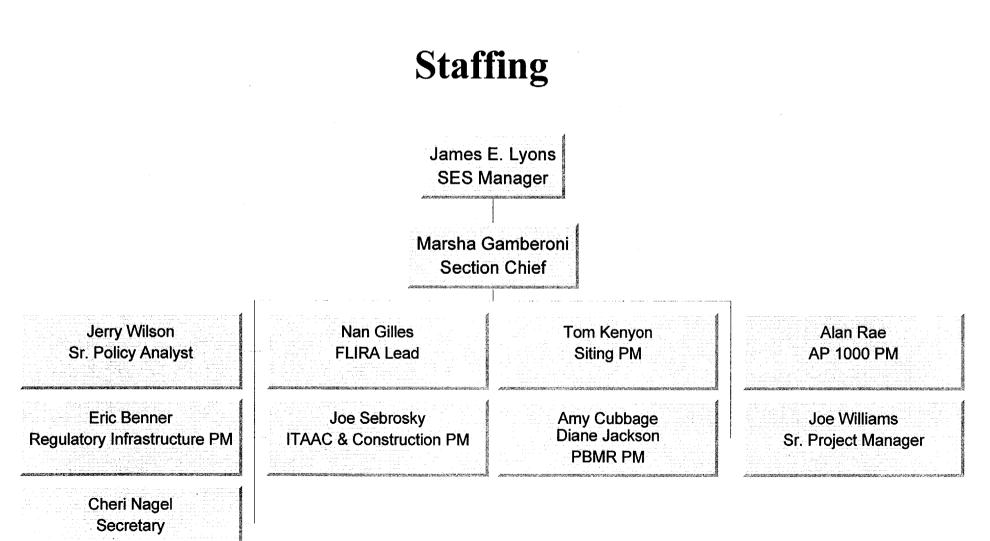
To present an overview of the licensing processes and current activities associated with future licensing.

To provide an opportunity for external stakeholders to comment on the processes and raise issues. 2

# **NRC Organization**



# **Future Licensing Organization**



## **Future Licensing Organization**

Near-term Objectives

- Provide central point of contact for NRR future licensing efforts
- Manage current activities
  - Pre-application reviews
  - Rulemaking
- Coordinate FLIRA
- Stakeholder interactions

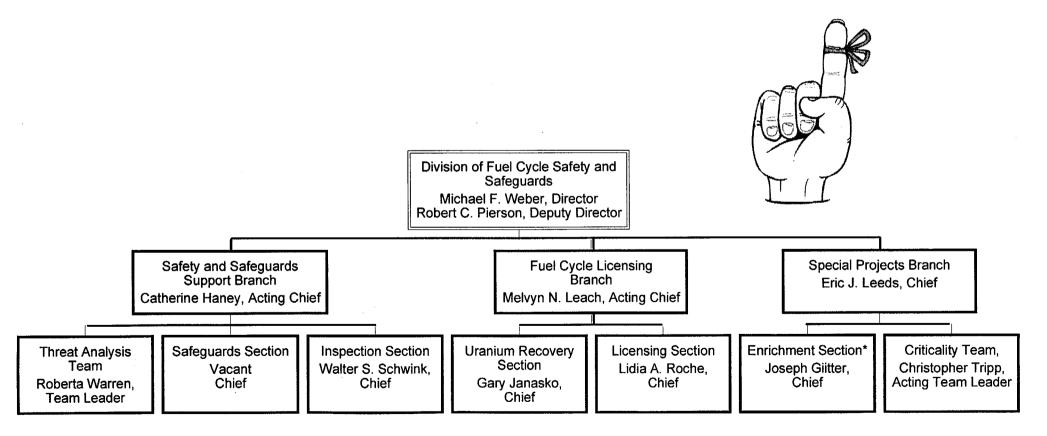
### Office of Nuclear Materials Safety & Safeguards

#### What We Do:

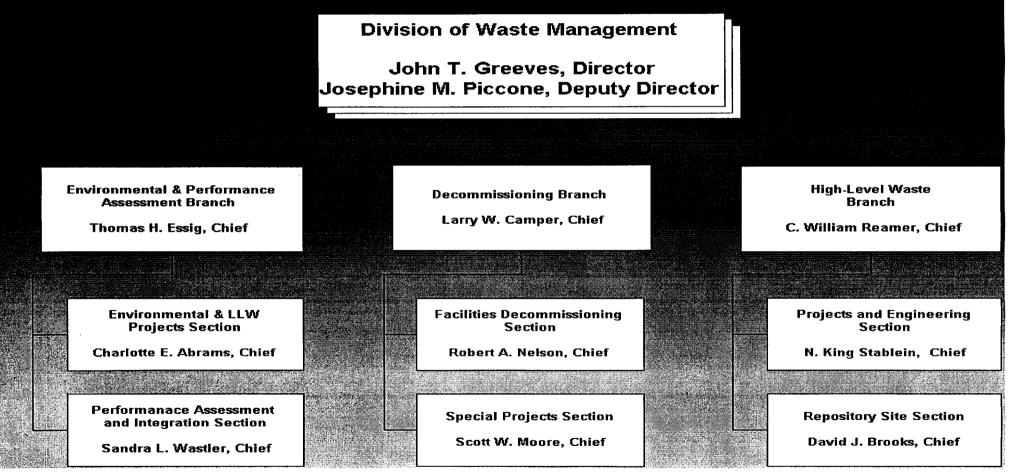
- Uranium Recovery Operations
- Uranium Conversion & Enrichment
- Nuclear Fuel Manufacturing
- High Level Waste Storage, Transportation, Disposal
- Low Level Waste Storage, Transportation, Disposal
- Fresh/Spent Fuel Storage Canisters/Transportation

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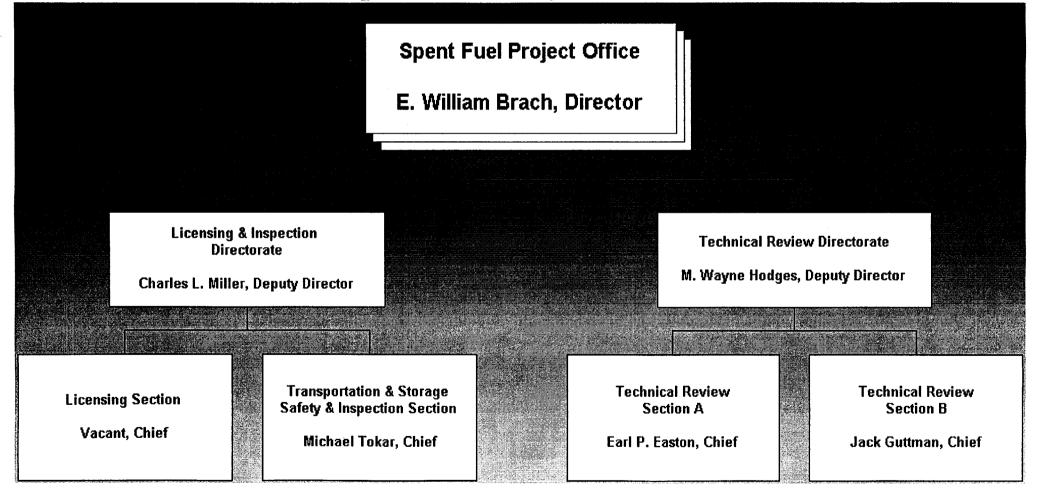
#### Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards



#### **Division of Waste Management**

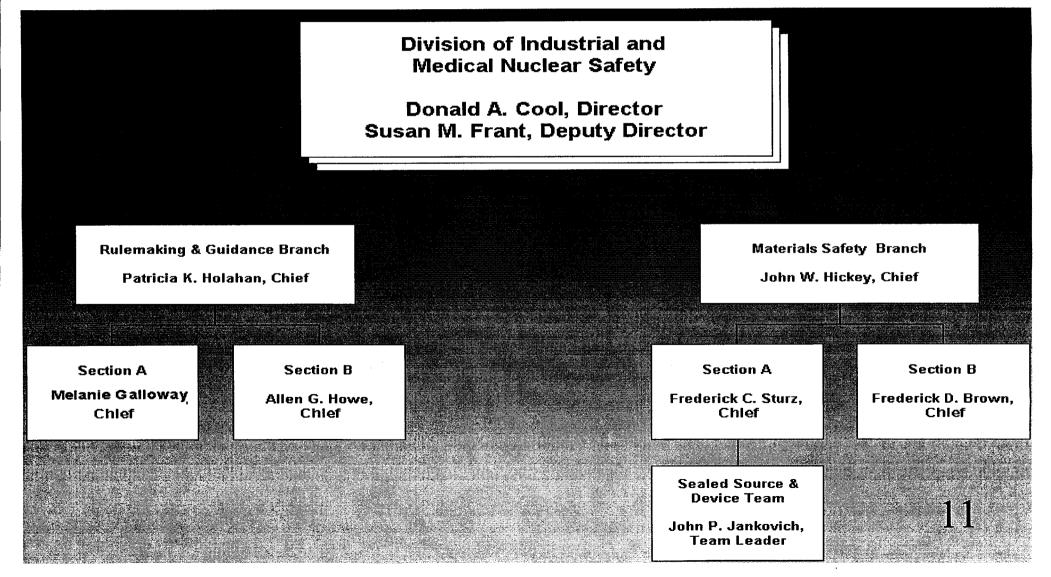


#### Spent Fuel Project Office



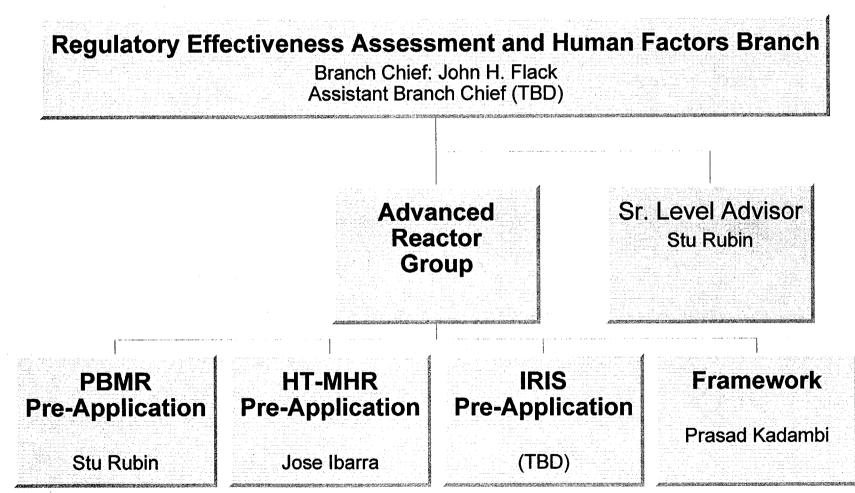
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#### Division of Industrial and Medical Nuclear Safety



#### **RES Advanced Reactor Group**

#### Staffing



#### **Advanced Reactor Group**

Near-term Objectives

- Provide central point of contact for RES advanced reactor research activities
- Current activities
  - Pre-application review of non-LWR designs
  - ► Generation IV
  - ► Framework
- Matrix in RES Expertise
- As practicable, capitalize on Agency expertise
- Stakeholder interactions

## Part 52/Combined License

- Created additional licensing processes -1989.
- Combined construction permit and conditional operating license for a nuclear power plant.
- Resolves safety and environmental issues before authorizing construction of the nuclear plant.
- Provides for public participation prior to siting and construction of nuclear power plants.

## **Early Site Permits**

- Allows applicant to "bank" a site for 10 20 years
- Review issues
  - ► site safety
  - emergency planning
  - environmental protection
- Several opportunities for public involvement



## **Design Certification**

- Allows an applicant to pre-approve a standard plant design by rulemaking.
- Reduces licensing uncertainty and facilitates standardization.
- 3 standard designs have been certified.
- Application for AP1000 expected in 2002.

## **Construction Inspection Program**

- Inspections, Tests, Analyses and Acceptance Criteria (ITAAC)
  - Program for verifying that the facility has been constructed and will be operated in conformity with the license, the provisions of the AEA, and the Commission's rules and regulations

#### Programmatic ITAAC

- Should a COL application contain ITAAC on operational programs such as security, training and emergency planning
- ► Federal Register Notice issued June 25, 2001
- Public comment period ends August 8, 2001

#### **Construction Inspection Program**

#### Construction Inspection Program Reactivation

- FLIRA input will include reactivated plant scenario, standard design, and custom design
- Draft report on revised construction inspection program issued in 1996 is the key guidance document

#### Rulemakings

#### General Rulemaking Process

- Specific Rulemakings:
  - ► Update to 10 CFR Part 52
  - Alternative Site Reviews
  - ► 10 CFR Part 51, Tables S-3 and S-4

### **Future Licensing and Inspection Readiness Assessment (FLIRA)**

- February 13, 2001 Staff Requirements Memorandum
  - Access technical, licensing and inspection capabilities
  - Assess the regulatory infrastructure supporting Parts 50 and 52
- FLIRA Report
  - Postulated scenarios, schedules, resources, skills
- Readiness Challenges
  - Especially the need for industry plans and information

## **Preapplication Reviews and Licensing Approaches**

- Alternative license approaches
- Preapplication reviews identify issues for Commission policy guidance and staff technical resolution for design certification
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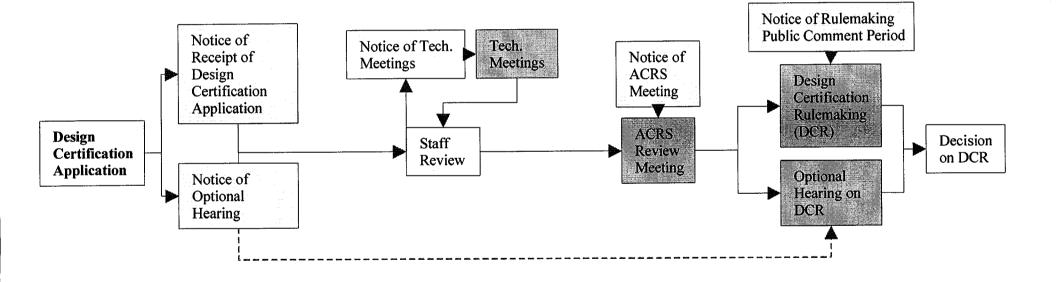
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## Nuclear Fuel Cycle Issues

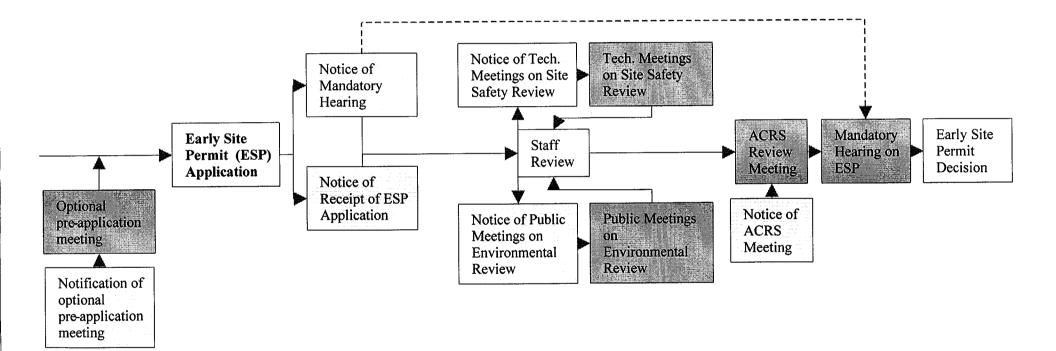
- Fuel Manufacturing and Fabrication
- Fuel Quality Control and Qualification
- Transportation (Fresh and Spent Fuel)
- Safeguards (Material Control & Accounting, Physical Protection, International)
- Spent Nuclear Fuel (Storage, Handling)
- Decommissioning

# **Design Certification Process**



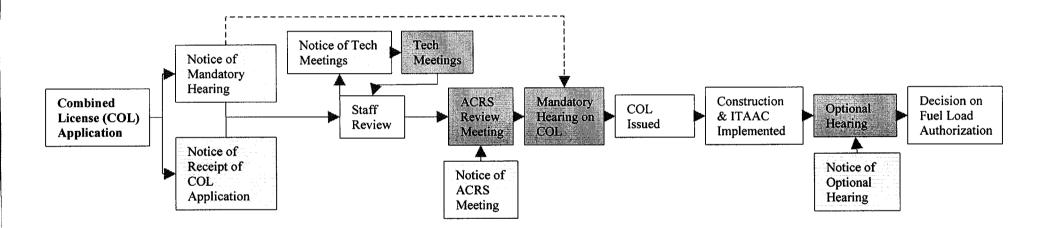
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# **Early Site Permit Process**



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# **Combined License Process**



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## **SUPPLEMENTAL PACKAGE**

## RULEMAKING SESSION July 25, 2001

Diane Jackson NRR Future Licensing Organization



- Commission guidance sought on several legal and financial issues for:
  - Merchant plants
  - Modular plants
  - ► Non-LWR reactor designs
- Issues led by Exelon Generation in Pebble Bed Modular Reactor preapplication review

#### **Policy Issues (cont.)**

Merchant Plants

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Decommissioning funding assurance

Antitrust reviews

Financial qualificitations

#### **Policy Issues (cont.)**

Modular Plants

- Price-Anderson protection
- Number of licenses
- ■NRC annual fees
- Operator staffing

#### **Policy Issues (cont.)**

#### Non-LWR Reactor Designs

Decommissioning funding formula

Uranium fuel cycle for gas reactors