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NRC Framework for Public Participation

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Public Participation Opportunities

- Technical meetings
- Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards
- Environmental review process
- Adjudicatory hearing
- Discretionary meetings

Why involve the public?

- Improves agency decision-making
- Facilitates public understanding
- Affected people deserve opportunity
- Increases credibility
- Public acceptance and cooperation



Effective Public Participation

- Access to information
- Opportunity to influence the decision-making process
- Transparent decision-making process

NRC Practice



- Communication plans
- Staff training
- Clear and comprehensive information
- Interactive meetings
- Convening and facilitation
- Build relationships and continuity

Uncertainties

- Access to information after 9/11
- NRC meeting policy
- Part 2 rulemaking - adjudication