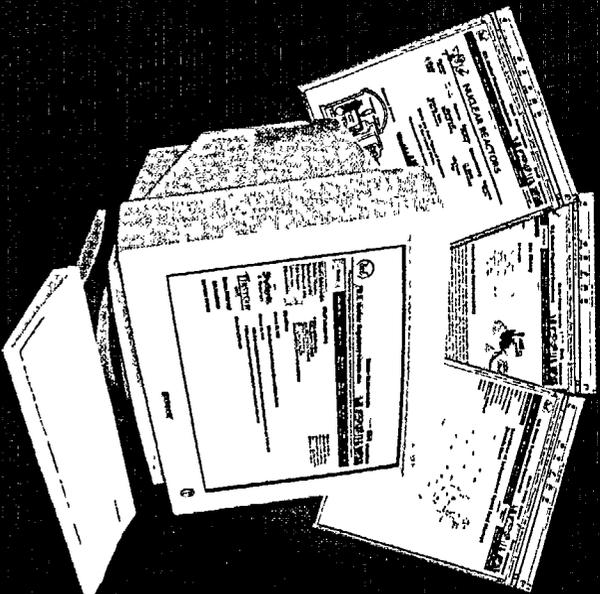


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U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission



The Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulates U.S. commercial nuclear power plants and the civilian use of nuclear materials

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The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), which is empowered to protect public health and safety as it regulates the various commercial and institutional uses of nuclear energy, has redesigned its Web site (www.nrc.gov) to provide a consistent, easy-to-understand presentation of information about the agency and its activities.

The redesigned Web site has two major objectives:

Increase Public Confidence by providing information that:

- **Enhances the ability of stakeholders to participate** effectively in the regulatory process. Examples include public meeting notices, documents for comment, rulemaking information, enforcement actions, reportable events, and much more.
- **Broadens the public's understanding of NRC's mission, goals and performance.** Examples include information about the Commission's activities, the agency's strategic and performance plans, its organization and functions, and educational materials about nuclear topics.

Make Doing Business with the NRC Easier by:

- **Enhancing access to site information** through an improved search engine, consistent page design, expanded site topic indices, standardized navigational capabilities, and improved access for users with disabilities.
- **Making tools available for conducting business electronically at www.nrc.gov.** For instance, the site permits secure electronic transmittal of documents, lists job vacancy

announcements, procurement plans for prospective contractors, licensing information for applicants, and NRC forms for submitting information.

Redesign Highlights

Overview

The new Web site's consistent look and feel throughout make navigation simple and enhance access to the multitude of agency documents and information available at the site. Information about the agency and its regulatory activities is arranged in a general-to-specific pattern. Diagrams, maps, and photographs augment the text to aid clarity. The timeliness and accuracy of information at the site are monitored to keep our commitment to the quality and integrity of the site.

Home Page

The redesigned home page permits one-click access to topics of high stakeholder interest. For example, a Key Topics box highlights site-wide topics of current interest. The buttons across the top of the home page include drop-down menus with direct access to more than 50 pages at the site. On the left side of the home page, you will find short cuts for accessing important links and in the center you'll find links to "What's Happening" and recent press releases.

The site also provides real-time Webcasts of Commission meetings open to the public. This feature is designed to foster familiarity with the agency and its scope of responsibilities, as well as to encourage increased public participation in the regulatory process.

Major Site Content

The redesigned site is organized into **seven** major areas to help users find agency information of interest quickly:

Who We Are - describes the NRC's mission, functions, organization, history, office locations, and funding, as well as information for those who wish to apply for employment or compete for NRC contracts.

What We Do - provides details about NRC's regulatory activities, Congressional and public affairs programs, and programs of nuclear safety involving States and the international community.

Nuclear Reactors - features a wealth of information on the types of nuclear power plants regulated by the NRC, the oversight process used to ensure safe plant operations, plant performance data, and agency licensing requirements to operate a reactor or to close a plant permanently.

Nuclear Materials - provides information on the nuclear materials regulated by the NRC that are used in industry, medicine, and academic settings and the regulations for using, transporting, and storing these materials.

Radioactive Waste - describes the types of radioactive waste regulated by the agency including low-level waste (such as contaminated protective clothing, tools, filters, rags, medical tubes), high-level waste (such as "irradiated" or used nuclear reactor fuel), and uranium mill tailings (the residue that remains after the processing of natural ore to extract uranium and thorium). It also includes

information about the storage, transportation, and disposal of these wastes.

Public Involvement - tells users about how to become involved in the agency's regulatory process. This section conveniently links to pages on the site that provide opportunities to comment on documents, request enforcement action by the agency, or request that the NRC change or establish a regulation. Site users can find notices of public meetings and ways to contact someone at the NRC.

Electronic Reading Room - provides access to collections of current and archived documents pertinent to NRC's regulatory activities. (The NRC releases several hundred documents to the public each work day.) Many of these documents are available directly on the Web while the rest are available either from the NRC's document retrieval system, ADAMS, or from the agency's Public Document Room. This site also contains information on obtaining documents in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), as well as an index to all Frequently Asked Questions pages throughout the site.

These seven areas, as well as the home page, can be accessed from virtually every Web page. In addition, there are a series of links at the top of each page that show users where they are on the site and provide a path back to the NRC home page.

For example, the links at the top of the Operating Reactors page would read:

[Home](#) > [Nuclear Reactors](#) > Operating Reactors

Found at the top of each page above the site banner, the *Contact Us*, *Site Help*, and *Site Index* links and the *Search box* provide additional aids for locating information and getting help from NRC staff. Users will also find helpful icons throughout the site, such as **exit** , to inform them they are leaving the site, and **PDF**  to indicate that they will need to download a "portable document format" reader (free of charge) to read the linked document.

The NRC encourages you to
visit our redesigned Web site, at
<http://www.nrc.gov>, and welcomes your
ideas for improving the site.

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