Transparency in Records Management -- The Regulator and Industry

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NRC Mission and Strategic Goals

- Mission - License and regulate the Nation's civilian use of byproduct, source, and special nuclear materials to ensure adequate protection of public health and safety; promote the common defense and security, and protect the environment
- Goals - Safety, Security, Openness, Effectiveness, and Management
- Balancing Safety and Security with Openness

Legislative Background

- Administrative Procedure Act
- Freedom of Information Act
- Electronic FOIA
- Sunshine Act
- Paperwork Reduction Act

Stakeholder Involvement

- Benefits
  - Effective and efficient regulatory process
  - Clearly defined regulations and guidance documents
  - Stakeholder understanding and acceptance

- Industry understands why information contributes
  - Participate in comment process
  - Understand basis for regulatory requirements

NRC Efforts Toward Transparency and Openness

- Public Document Room
- Local Public Document Rooms located in the vicinity of nuclear facilities
- Nuclear Documents System (NUDOCS)
  - 1978 – 1999
- Bibliographic Retrieval System (BRS)
- Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS)

Transparency and Openness – Electronic Age

- Participation with NIRMA to develop NRC regulatory guidance documents
  - Electronic Media
- Electronic Information Exchange
- Industry Involvement
  - E-Rule Guidance Document
  - ADAMS Living Documents Solution
- Virtual Public Document Room
  - NRC public web site

What Does the Future Hold?

- Mission - License and regulate the Nation's civilian use of byproduct, source, and special nuclear materials to ensure adequate protection of public health and safety; promote the common defense and security, and protect the environment
- Balance safety and security
- Work with industry to continue mutually beneficial interactions and information sharing

- Questions ?