

August 3, 2007

The Honorable Richard B. Cheney  
President of the United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

The Government Performance and Results Act requires that an agency's Strategic Plan be updated for submission to the Congress and the President every three years. Enclosed is the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) draft FY 2007 - FY 2012 Strategic Plan to replace the agency's current version of the plan. As part of this process, the Commission is consulting with Congress and requesting comments on the draft plan by September 7, 2007.

The NRC's draft Strategic Plan describes the agency's mission, vision, and strategic objective, which remain unchanged. The NRC's priority continues to be, as always, to ensure the adequate protection of public health, safety, and the environment, and promoting common defense and security.

The draft Strategic Plan also reflects the changes taking place in the regulatory environment associated with the use of radioactive materials, such as the expected receipt of applications to construct and operate new nuclear power plants and the Department of Energy's application for the Nation's first repository for high-level radioactive waste. Further, the draft Strategic Plan addresses how the NRC will address these challenges with strategies in areas such as communications, human capital, and regulatory and organizational infrastructure.

The draft Strategic Plan identifies the NRC's two strategic goals, which focus on safety and security. The agency's Safety and Security goals, as well as their associated strategic outcomes, continue to describe accurately the agency's core functions, and therefore remain essentially unchanged. This focus on safety and security ensures that the NRC remains a strong independent, stable, and predictable regulator. The draft Strategic Plan also describes the agency's Organizational Excellence Objectives of Openness, Effectiveness, Timeliness, and Operations. These objectives characterize the manner in which the agency intends to support achieving its Safety and Security goals.

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The draft Strategic Plan, as well as the ability to provide comments electronically, are available on the NRC web site at <http://www.nrc.gov/>. The Commission will consider stakeholder comments in finalizing its FY 2007 - FY 2012 Strategic Plan. I would be pleased to discuss the NRC's draft Strategic Plan with you.

Sincerely,

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