



# NRC Emergency Preparedness Initiatives

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## Rulemaking on 12 “High Priority” Areas:

1. Backup Means for Alert and Notification Systems
2. On-Shift Collateral Duties
3. Decrease in Effectiveness
4. Emergency Action Levels for Security Events
5. Emergency Classification Timeliness
6. Emergency Operations Facility – Performance Based Approach

## Rulemaking on 12 “High Priority” Areas (*contd.*):

7. Emergency Response Organization  
Augmentation and Alternate Facilities
8. Evacuation Time Estimate (ETE) Updating
9. Licensee Coordination with Offsite Response  
Organizations During Security-Based Events
10. Protection for Onsite Personnel
11. Hostile Action-Based Drills and Exercises
12. Shift Staffing and Augmentation

## Important Milestones

- **DRAFT** language available now
- Proposed rule to be published in Federal Register in February 2009
- Final rule to be published in spring 2010
- Guidance to support rulemaking concurrent with final rule (Supplement to NUREG 0654)

## Stakeholder Input

- Draft preliminary rule language and Rule change summary available
- Series of Public Meetings to be held for Proposed Rule
- Submit Feedback on the language at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)

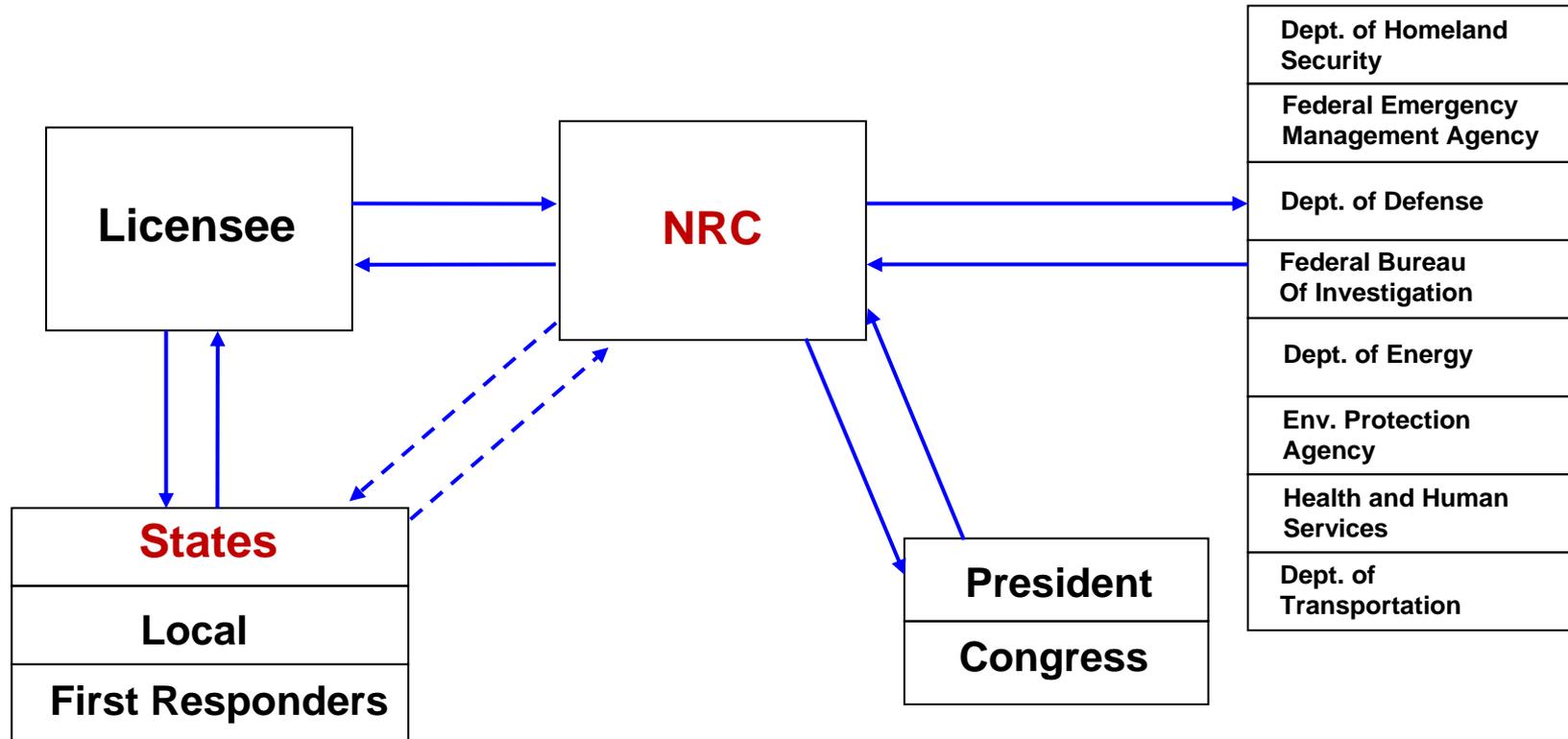
## National Response Framework

### *NRC's Responsibilities*

As Coordinating Agency, the NRC

- Performs independent assessment of incident / radiological impact
- Provides oversight of the licensee's response
- Dispatches an NRC Site Team, if appropriate
- NRC would offer assistance to State officials
  - Coordinated via the NRC State Liaison staff in the State's Emergency Operations Center
  - Includes a telephone call between the NRC's Executive Team Director and State decision-maker
- Provides information to Federal Government, Media, and Public

# Communications



All maintain communications with media and public

## NRC – State Decision-Maker Call

- **State - licensee concerns**
  - Do you (the State) have any concerns with the licensees actions (communications, PARs etc.) so far?
  - Do you have any concerns about the licensee response?
- **NRC licensee assessment**
  - Provide our assessment of the licensee response (command and control, procedure compliance, priorities)
- **General assistance offer**
  - Can we be of assistance to the State in any way?
  - Are your teams getting sufficient field data from FRMAC or elsewhere?
  - Do you have problems with Federal coordination?
  - Are you considering/ taking any protective actions?
  - Do you need Federal assistance at this time?
  - How can the NRC help?

## NRC State Outreach Initiatives

Prior to Full Participation Exercise, NRC

- Conducts initial outreach with the State
- Conducts training with all NRC communicators on appropriate communication protocols
- Invites applicable State officials to observe an NRC Full Participation Exercise prior to that State's exercise
  - Participate in a "Meet & Greet" activity with NRC management and staff to discuss protocols and procedures for communications
  - Observe exercise conducted at NRC Headquarters
  - Actively participate in exercise critique
    - The NRC welcomes suggestions or critique items from State officials following each Full Participation Exercise



Thank you!

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