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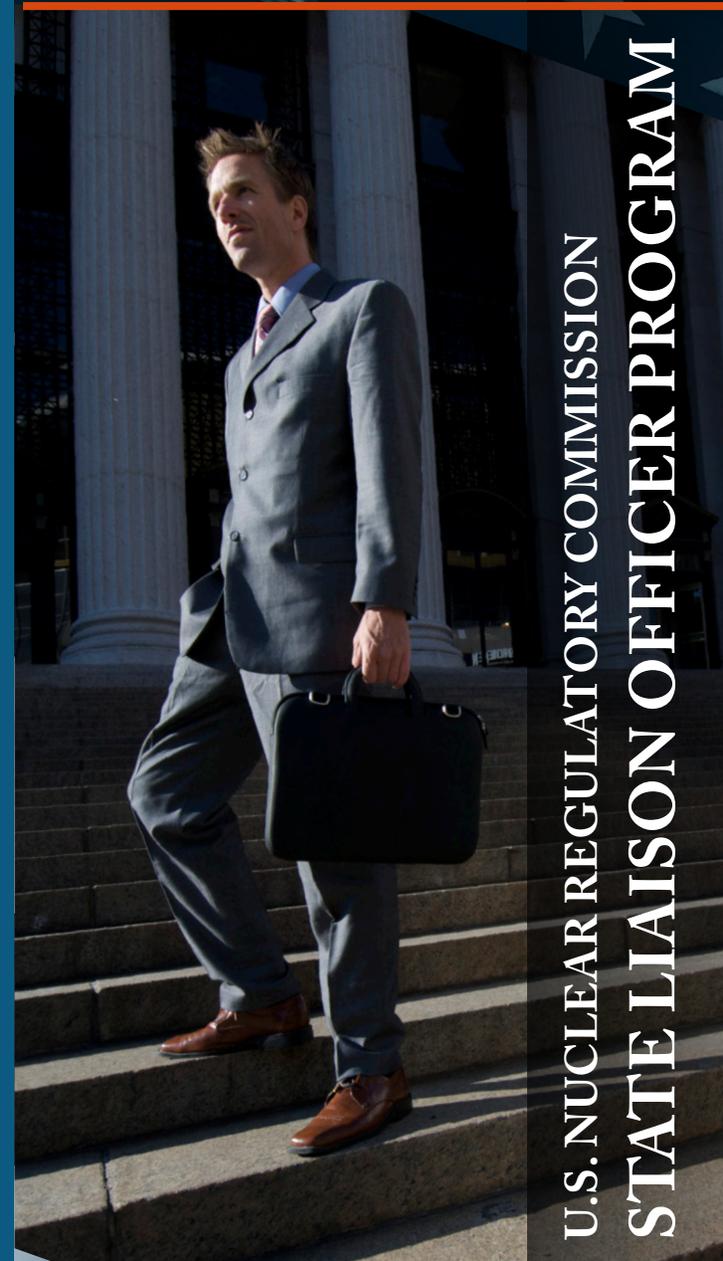
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U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION  
STATE LIAISON OFFICER PROGRAM



## U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission Mission

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) was established as an independent regulatory agency by Congress in 1974 to oversee and regulate the safe use of radioactive materials for beneficial civilian purposes, while ensuring that people and the environment are protected. The NRC regulates commercial nuclear power plants and other uses of nuclear material, such as medical and industrial uses of radioactive material and sources, research and test reactors, and uranium recovery facilities, through licensing, inspection and enforcement of its requirements. The NRC's cooperative relationship with States is essential to accomplishing the agency's mission, and Governor-appointed State Liaison Officers (SLOs) serve a vital role in communications between the NRC and States.

Arlington, TX. The NRC maintains an operations center that coordinates NRC communications with its licensees, State Agencies, and other Federal agencies in response to events at commercial nuclear power plants and all other NRC licensed facilities. NRC operations officers staff the operations center 24 hours a day. Additional information about NRC and its activities can be accessed at [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov).

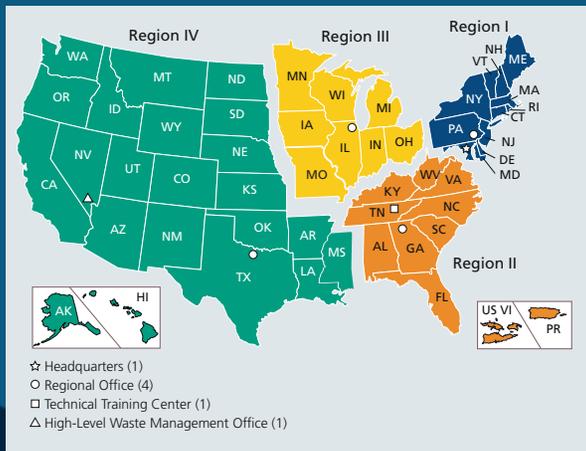
are concerned primarily with protecting public health. The designated agency for each State may vary from State to State.

## State Liaison Officer Program

In 1976, the NRC adopted a recommendation from several State organizations, including the National Governors Association, that each State Governor appoint a single person to act as a liaison to the NRC to help improve cooperation and two-way communication. The NRC considers the SLO the primary communication channel between the States and NRC.

## NRC State Liaison Interactions

The NRC keeps the SLOs informed on matters of interest to the States, responds in a timely manner to State requests for information, and acknowledges State recommendations concerning matters within the NRC's regulatory jurisdiction. The NRC Regional State Liaison Officers (RSLOs) serve as the primary NRC point of contact for Governor-appointed SLOs. The RSLOs deliver timely information to the SLOs on NRC activities through ongoing dialogue and communication. The RSLOs provide SLOs with a variety of NRC documents, including press releases, preliminary notifications, proposed rules and policy statements, draft environmental assessments, and enforcement notifications. The RSLOs also solicit SLO participation in NRC public meetings and workshops as well as inform them of other opportunities for stakeholder involvement and input.



## State Liaison Officer Responsibilities

The SLO serves as the key intermediary between the States and the NRC in providing vital information regarding nuclear regulation, nuclear security, and related radiological public health and safety issues. The SLO provides the NRC with information on specific issues, such as State radiological health, emergency preparedness, public utility commission actions, and State nuclear safety agency matters, as needed. The SLO also serves as the primary State contact for all requests involving observation of NRC regulated nuclear power plant and facility inspections and acts as the NRC's primary contact with the States regarding all relevant decisions and actions. The SLOs possess diverse backgrounds and qualifications and work for State agencies that

## NRC Organizational Values

The NRC Organizational Values are Integrity, Service, Openness, Commitment, Cooperation, Excellence, and Respect. The NRC staff strives to adhere to these values while performing mission-related activities and working with Governor-appointed SLOs. The SLOs demonstrate a similar commitment to these values during interactions with the NRC, and continue to enhance the relationships between the States and the NRC.

## NRC Headquarters and Regional Offices

In addition to its Headquarters in Rockville, MD, the NRC has four regional offices located in King of Prussia, PA, Atlanta, GA, Lisle, IL, and