

Message from the Chairman



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The NRC is fully committed to using new technologies to help the public better understand and participate in our work. Over the past two years, we have provided more opportunities for public engagement and have worked to provide a user-friendly experience for those with whom we communicate.

Web streaming and conferencing technologies now allow increased opportunities for participation in public meetings, regardless of location. Prime examples of the NRC's use of these technologies include virtual meetings on the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station, Waste Confidence, and various post-Fukushima-related initiatives. We have also provided two Web-based systems to share public meeting information and to make it easier for the public to provide feedback on these meetings. Up-to-date meeting information is available for desktop and mobile platforms and through social media such as Twitter.

We have continued to expand our use of social media. Since their introduction in 2011, the NRC's social media platforms – our blog and Twitter account - have enhanced relationships between the agency and the public by promoting a sense of common community, providing a unique venue for dialogue, and enhancing the use of plain language in explanations of NRC activities. We are encouraged by the increase in subscriber and viewer rates for the agency's social media platforms. We will continue to expand our use of social media with the introduction of Facebook in summer 2014 and will continue efforts to assess the viability of additional platforms for the future.

To improve the ease of access to documents open for public comment, we have redesigned our "Documents for Comment" Web pages to provide a one-stop location for all rulemakings and other documents open for comment. To improve the timeliness of access to information, we have strengthened our Freedom of Information Act program, which received an unprecedented number of requests as a result of the nuclear accident at Fukushima Dai-ichi in Japan. Our efforts here have been recognized as "Best Practices" in a Center for Effective Government report. The NRC will also begin providing a mobile-friendly Web site—making it easier for mobile users to quickly find and access our information resources—and we are continuing to build on our accomplishments in the use of plain language.

This addendum also describes our programs to further collaborate with our State and Tribal Government and our international regulatory partners. I hope you will carefully review this plan and share your thoughts and ideas with us. As an organization, the NRC is dedicated to continuous improvement, and we invite you to help us be the best nuclear safety and security regulator we can be.



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