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General Comment

The NRC has been charged with the safety and security of Nuclear Materials. NRC's track record on this is Excellent. However, all regulations are a cost in time as well as money. This cost slows investment and stifle innovation and development. Ironically, this can slow or eliminate the development of new technologies that are superior in both safety and security. What appears to be missing from the NRC's Strategy is a counter balancing force to minimize regulatory costs, and thus maximize investment into Nuclear Energy. Perhaps what is needed is a third goal: To promote the competitive use of Nuclear Energy. A parameter in every consideration of regulation should be the cost (in both time and money) that these regulations impose. The world runs predominantly on fossil fuels today, but these are finite. Nuclear Energy will likely be the "go to" energy resource of the future. Humanities whole future may likely depend on the development of advanced Nuclear Energy. We need this industry to be efficiently regulated. But we also need this industry to be economical, and growing. America's economic security is also at stake. This is another dimension of Safety and Security that doesn't appear to be fully accounted for.

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