

# U.S. NRC and SAFER

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# Topics

- NRC Oversight of the Strategic Alliance for FLEX Emergency Response (SAFER) Program
- NRC Role in Response Requiring National SAFER Response Center (NSRC) FLEX Equipment

# NRC Oversight

- NRC Order EA-12-049 requires a three-phase approach for mitigating Beyond Design Basis External Events. Phase 3 requires obtaining sufficient offsite resources to sustain the functions of a site's mitigating strategies indefinitely.
- NRC issued a Staff Assessment of the NSRCs and the overall SAFER program in September 2014 after numerous meetings, audits, observation of exercises, NSRC site visits by NRC staff, and NEI submittal of National SAFER Response Center white paper.
- Each licensee site, before declaring compliance with EA-12-049, confirms that the NSRCs are fully operational and have the necessary equipment to support that site's Mitigating Strategies, as documented in the site's SAFER Response Plan.

# NRC Oversight

- Long-term oversight of the NSRCs is now handled by Division of Construction Inspection and Operational Programs (DCIP) Vendor Inspection Center of Excellence
  - Phoenix NSRC inspection performed Nov 28 – Dec 1, 2016
  - Memphis NSRC inspection performed Mar 20 - 24, 2017
- Inspections focus on 5 primary areas:
  - SAFER Program – policies, implementing procedures, control processes, etc.
  - Procurement Controls
  - Test, Maintenance, and Measuring & Test Equipment (M&TE) Control
  - Handling, Storage, and Deployment policies and procedures
  - Corrective Action Program (CAP)
- Triennial inspections

# NRC Role in Response

- NRC has an active role in response during situations which require the employment of Department of Defense helicopters for transportation of FLEX equipment.
- Upon notification that a site is isolated and requires Phase 3 equipment, the NRC Headquarters Operation Center will contact the National Military Command Center.
  - Request for Assistance Template
  - Direct Liaison between Site/SAFER and DOD
- DOD ground crews and helicopters deploy to perform the mission.

# Questions?



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