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## NRC Seeks Comments on Draft FY 2018-2022 Strategic Plan

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is seeking public comments on its draft Strategic Plan, covering Fiscal Years 2018-2022.

The draft establishes a framework for the next four years for the NRC to achieve its mission to license and regulate the nation's civilian use of radioactive materials to provide reasonable assurance of adequate protection of public health and safety, and to promote the common defense and security (and to protect the environment). It also provides an overview of the NRC's responsibilities, key challenges and management priorities, and it outlines the objectives and key activities to achieve the agency's goals.

The draft plan is largely consistent with the previous plan (FY 2014-2018) with continued focus and commitment to the NRC's mission and strategic goals of safety and security. The most notable change is a new vision statement, which highlights the agency's commitment to the Principles of Good Regulation. It also includes minor updates and editorial enhancements.

All interested individuals may submit comments on the draft Strategic Plan within 30 days of publication of the *Federal Register* notice. The draft Strategic Plan will be available on the NRC's website.

Public comments may be submitted in two ways: Online through the federal government's rulemaking website, using Docket ID NRC-2017-0153; and by mail to Cindy Bladey, Chief, Rules, Announcements, and Directives Branch, Office of Administration, Mail Stop: TWFN-08-E18, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001.

Comments will be summarized and provided to the Commission for consideration in its finalization of the plan.

The NRC issued its first Strategic Plan in September 1997 and, as required, it has been updated every four years since then. The 2018-2022 edition is due to Congress and the President by Feb. 5, 2018.