# Perspectives on Efficient Regulation and Oversight

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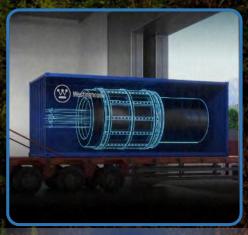
AP1000® PWR



**Nuclear Fuel** 



AP300™ SMR



eVinci™ Microreactor

#### **ADVANCE Act**

- Goal of accelerating deployment of clean, advanced nuclear
  - Meet U.S. climate goals and maintain U.S. nuclear leadership
- Efficiency in regulatory interactions key to meeting these goals
  - Section 501 requires efficiency be inherent in NRC's mission
- Cultural shift
  - Leadership and regulatory structure must drive efficiency
  - Guidance should direct staff toward enhanced efficiencies and risk-informed approaches

Efficient vendor interactions support the goals of the ADVANCE Act



## eVinci® Microreactor: Sections 207, 208, and 505





- Fleet deployments
  - Rely on generic safety evaluation applicable to the microreactor module
  - Review significant departures from the certified design
  - Deployment within 6-months at sites that meet standard criteria



- Near-term resolution of SECY-24-0008
- Significantly reduced staffing levels for normal operation
  - Small on-site staff supplemented by remote monitoring
  - Reduced dedicated security staff







### Fuel Facility Efficiencies: Sections 505, 506, and 507





- Existing, unchanged programs maintain adequate protection
- Environmental Impact Statement concluded small to moderate impact on groundwater and decommissioning waste and small impact on other areas



- Consider current state
  - Safety programs are routinely inspected
  - Environmental risk and uncertainty continue to decrease
- Inspection preparation and documentation enhancements
  - Reduce number and duration of inspections for sustained high performance
  - Remove redundancy and overlap in inspection procedures and data requests
  - Streamline documentation with templates and technology





## Plant Licensing: Section 505



- New Plant Licensing Application Reviews
  - Focus on novel features or applications and scaling
  - Leverage reviews of proven design features previously approved; avoid re-reviewing established conclusions



- New Plant Construction
  - Provide efficient process for modifying Tier 1 information;
    eliminate use of Tier 2\* information
- Improve review timelines
  - Topical reports; design certification; license amendments
- Continued international regulator cooperation
  - Training, foreign assignments, and workshops are vital to deployment of common plant design globally



#### Conclusions

- Efficiencies required by the ADVANCE Act support innovation and leadership for the nuclear industry in the United States
- Westinghouse provides fuel manufacturing, certified plant designs, and technology to support the existing nuclear fleet
  - AP1000® nuclear power plant
  - AP300™ small modular reactor
  - eVinci™ microreactor
  - EnCore® accident tolerant and high energy fuel
- Deployment of these advanced technologies requires a predictable and efficient licensing process required by the ADVANCE Act

Timely implementation of the ADVANCE act is vital to efficient deployment of nuclear technologies

