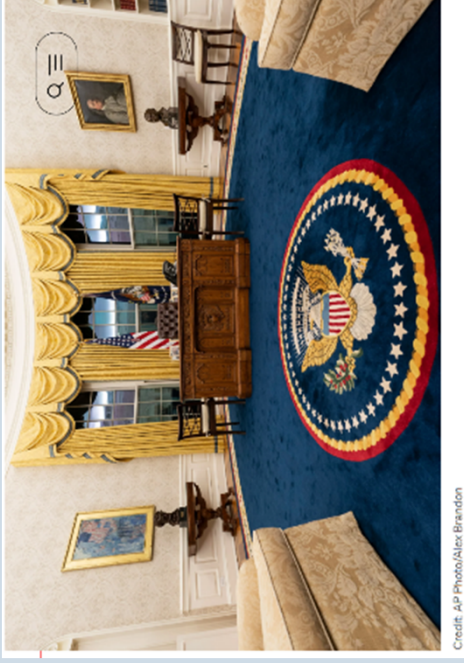


Current and Emerging US NRC Regulatory Topics - Uranium Recovery, Decommissioning and Low- Level Waste



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Recent Legislation and Executive Orders



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The ADVANCE Act - Accelerating
Deployment of Versatile,
Advanced Nuclear for Clean
Energy Act



- Executive Order 14215 – Ensuring Accountability for **All Agencies**
- Executive Order 14300 – Ordering the Reform of the **Nuclear Regulatory Commission**
- Executive Order 14299 – Deploying Advanced **Nuclear Reactor Technologies for National Security**
- Executive Order 14219 – Ensuring Lawful Governance and Implementing the President's "Department of **Government Efficiency**" Deregulatory Initiative

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Publication ID: Spring 2025

RIN: 3150-AK54

NRC
Title: Categorical Exclusions From Environmental Review [NRC-2018-0300]

Abstract:

This rulemaking would amend its regulations on categorical exclusions for licensing, regulatory, and administrative actions that individually or cumulatively do not have a significant effect on the human environment. The revisions would eliminate the preparation of environmental assessments for such NRC actions. The rule would not change any requirements for applicants or licensees. The NRC engaged with external stakeholders by publishing an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking and soliciting feedback through public meetings.

Agency: Nuclear Regulatory Commission(NRC)

RIN Status: Previously published in the Unified Agenda

Major: No

EO 14176 Designation: Deregulatory

CFR Citation: 10.CFR.51

Legal Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2201 42 U.S.C. 5841

Legal Deadline: None

Timetable:

Action	Date	FR Cite
ANPRM	05/07/2021	86 FR 24514
ANPRM Comment Period End	07/21/2021	
ANPRM Comment Period Reopened	08/23/2021	86 FR 47032
ANPRM Comment Period End	09/21/2021	
NPRM	07/02/2024	89 FR 54727
NPRM Comment Period End	09/16/2024	
Final Rule	04/00/2026	

Priority: Substantive, Nonsignificant

Agenda Stage of Rulemaking: Final Rule Stage

Untended Mandates: No

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No

Small Entities Affected: No

Included in the Regulatory Plan: No

RIN Data Printed in the FR: No

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Government Levels Affected: None

Federalism: No

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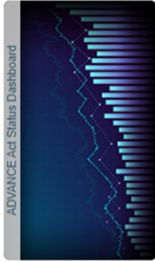
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Approving Notable Actions while Reducing Schedule and Resources

DISA Abandoned Uranium Mine Waste Remediation Application

Homestake Mining Company Large Tailings Pile Evapotranspiration Cover Design

NS Savannah License Termination Plan



Signing Ceremony of DISA Technologies license

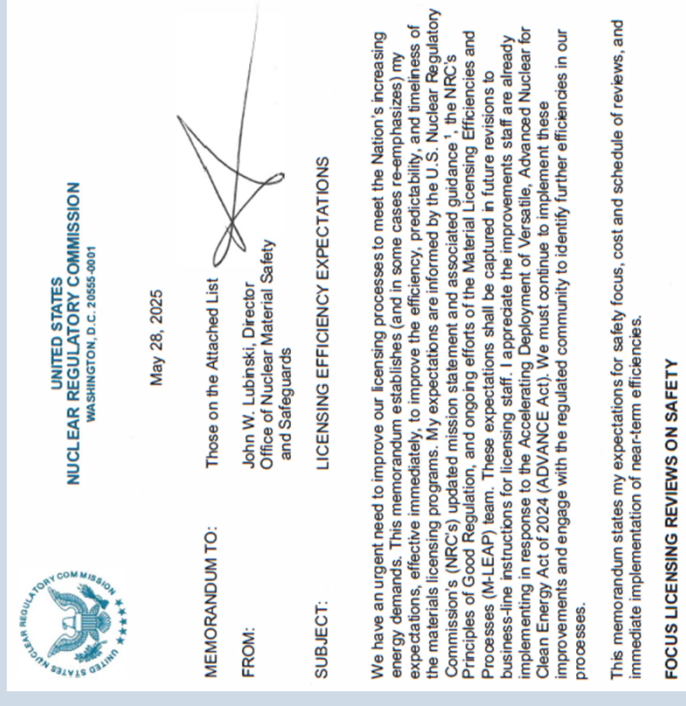
Navigating the Next Five Years

- **Workload continuing**
 - **Decreasing workload areas:**
 - No new decommissioning sites expected
 - Long term license termination plan reviews
- **Future Workload Areas:**
 - License termination requests
 - Work focused on Final Status Survey Reviews, to support final license modifications and to release property for other uses
 - Review of Alternative Concentration Levels (ACLs) requests for sites
 - Geological Containment and Remediation Projects (GCAPs) efforts in partnership with DOE



Improving Licensing and Oversight Processes

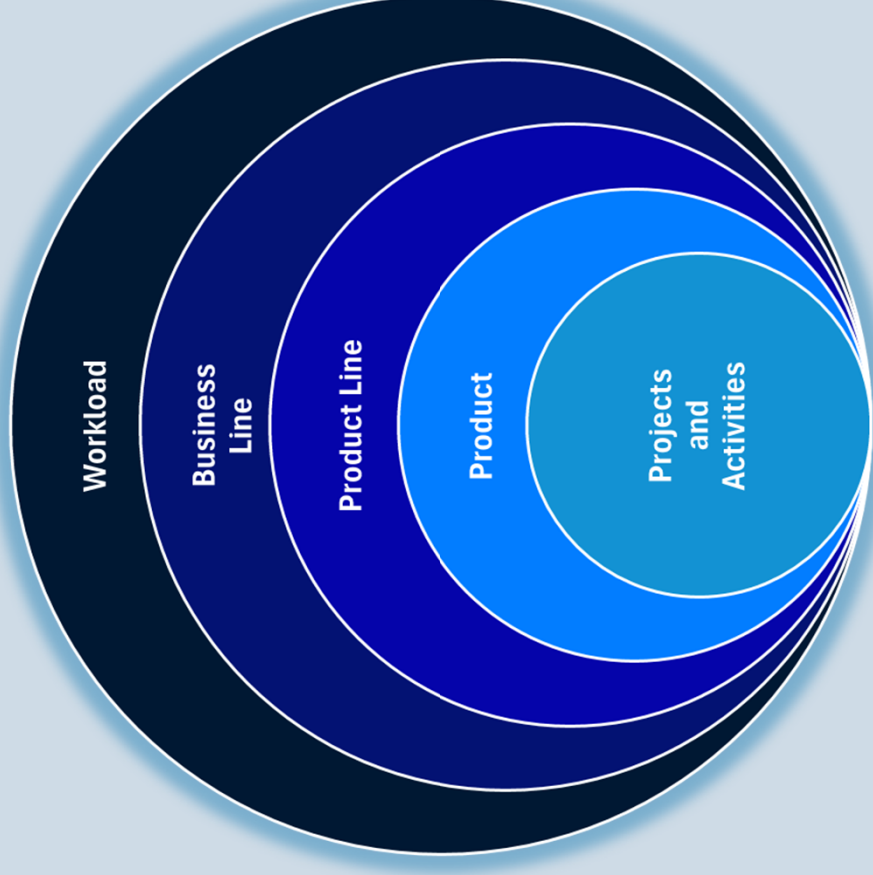
- Efforts to streamline the nuclear facility and materials licensing process.
- Driven by mandates like the ADVANCE Act and Executive Order 14300, aiming to reduce costs and timelines while maintaining safety.
- Key strategies include focusing reviews, using existing guidance, and leveraging new options.



<https://www.nrc.gov/about-nrc/governing-laws/advance-act/licensing-efficiencies>

NRC Project Management Initiative

- Enhance organizational performance and accountability by uniting program and project management, workload management, and strategic workforce planning under a single, integrated framework
- Establish a governance framework for workload and project management
- Align work activities with budget priorities
- Data driven approach to allocate resources, provide targeted training, and support professional development



Our Priorities

- Keep our Eye on the Basics: Ensuring we have the safety basics, critical skill sets, and culture for the work ahead
- Implementing Advance Act and Executive Order Commitments
- Executing key licensing actions with challenging timelines using data for accountability
- Leaning cost effective revisions to inspection and enforcement programs.

