



Recent Developments Impacting Waste Disposal Regulation Panel 214 (R1.02)

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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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NRC **RIN:** 3150-AK54 **Publication ID:** Spring 2025

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) **Priority:** Substantive, Nonsignificant

RIN Status: Previously published in the Unified Agenda **Agenda Stage of Rulemaking:** Final Rule Stage

Major: No **Unfunded Mandates:** No

EO 14192 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	

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis Required: No **Government Levels Affected:** None

Small Entities Affected: No **Federalism:** No

Included in the Regulatory Plan: No

















RIN Data Printed in the FR: No

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EO 14300 Activities

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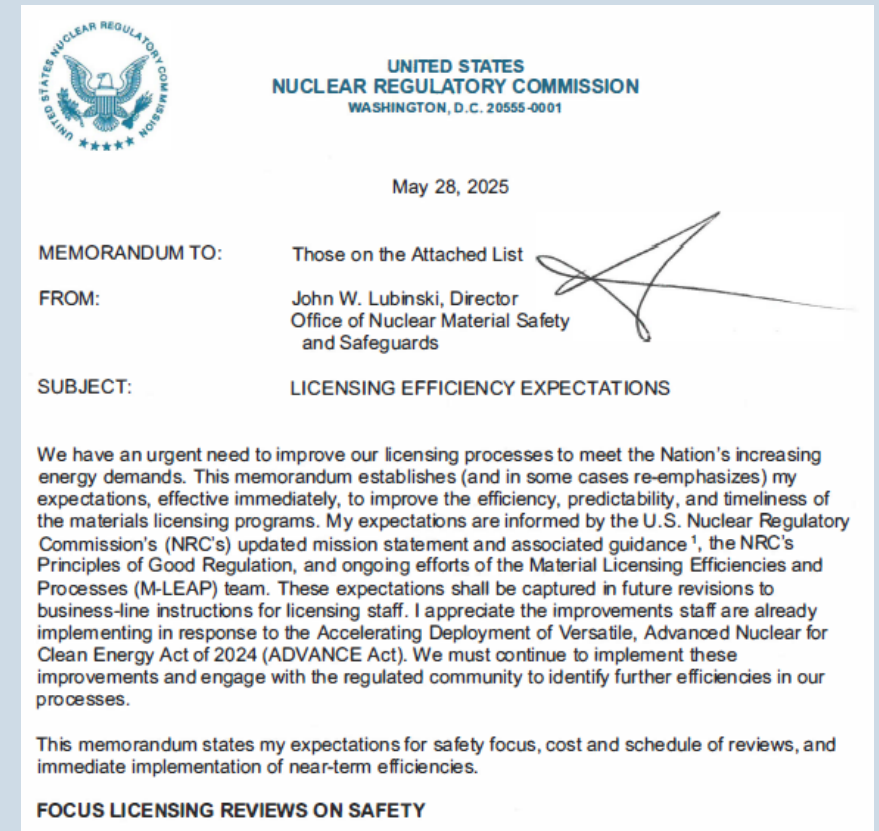
Effectiveness, Efficiency, and Timeliness Initiatives that Support Unleashing American Energy

 <p>Mission Guidance</p>	 <p>Enabling, Not Consulting</p>	 <p>Licensing Efficiencies</p>	 <p>NEIMA Milestone Schedules</p>
 <p>Wholesale Review of Regulations</p>	 <p>Agency Project Management Initiative</p>	 <p>Microreactors</p>	 <p>Fusion Machines</p>
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Improving Licensing and Oversight Processes

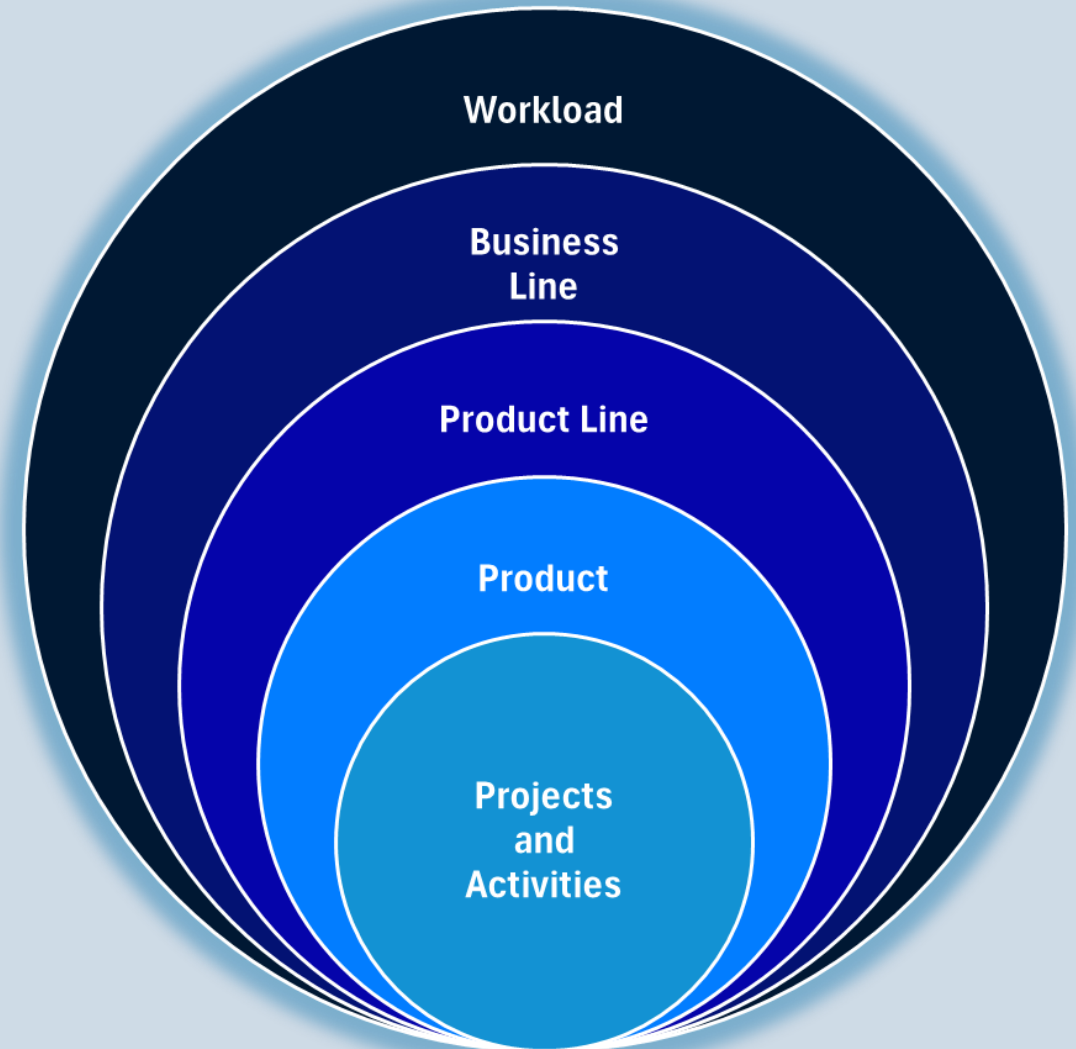
- Efforts to streamline the nuclear facility and materials licensing process.
- Driven by mandates like the ADVANCE Act and Executive Order 14300, aiming to reduce costs and timelines while maintaining safety.
- Key strategies include focusing reviews, using existing guidance, and leveraging new options.



<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



Looking to the Future

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.



- Questions, comments, and discussion

