

# RIC 2002 W14 License Renewal

## *NRC Framework for Public Participation*

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# Public Participation Opportunities

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- ✦ Technical meetings
- ✦ Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards
- ✦ Environmental review process
- ✦ Adjudicatory hearing
- ✦ Discretionary meetings

# Why involve the public?

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- ✦ Improves agency decision-making
- ✦ Facilitates public understanding
- ✦ Affected people deserve opportunity
- ✦ Increases credibility
- ✦ Public acceptance and cooperation

# Effective Public Participation

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- ✦ Access to information
- ✦ Opportunity to influence the decision-making process
- ✦ Transparent decision-making process

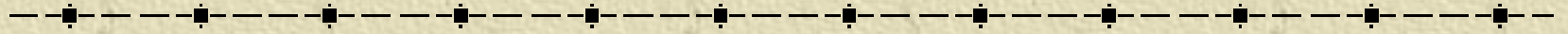
# NRC Practice

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- ✦ Communication plans
- ✦ Staff training
- ✦ Clear and comprehensive information
- ✦ Interactive meetings
- ✦ Convening and facilitation
- ✦ Build relationships and continuity

# Uncertainties



- ✦ Access to information after 9/11
- ✦ NRC meeting policy
- ✦ Part 2 rulemaking - adjudication