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Where We're Headed in Rulemaking

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NRR Programs

- Rulemaking
- Licensing
- Oversight
- Incident Response



NRR Reorganization

- Formed three associate directorates
- ADRA brings together:
 - New reactors
 - Risk Assessment
 - Policy and Rulemaking



Rulemaking Process Improvement

- Interoffice task force effort completed in 2002 recommended steps to improve timeliness of rulemaking
 - complete technical basis before initiating rulemaking
 - include stakeholder participation early in the process (both for technical basis and for rule development)



Use of Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

- Publication of an ANPR provides a forum for stakeholder input early in the formulation of a rule
- ANPR reflects Commission interest in rulemaking on the subject
- Allows for input from all stakeholders in a formal, transparent, but flexible manner
- Can identify issues before significant investment of resources



Rulemaking Challenges

- Timeliness (having rules ready for COL applications)
- Openness in security rulemakings
- Providing sufficient foundation in a proposed rule notice to allow NRC to revise rule based on the comments, without needing additional comment process



Major Rules Planned Within the Year

- Part 52 (combined licenses, design cert) (proposed and final)
- Design basis threat (final)
- Physical protection for power reactors (proposed)
- Part 26 Fitness for Duty (final)
- LOCA Redefinition (final)
- Security assessments for new reactors