

Modernization of NRC Guidance, Including Incorporation of Recent Lessons Learned and FAST-41 Related Activities

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NRC Environmental Review Guidance Documents

- Main Types of Guidance Documents
 - Public Guidance
 - Regulatory Guides (RGs)
 - NUREG Series
 - Interim Staff Guidance (ISG)
 - Nonpublic Guidance
 - Office Instructions or Process and Procedures Documents
 - Desktop Guides and Handbooks
 - Guidance Memos



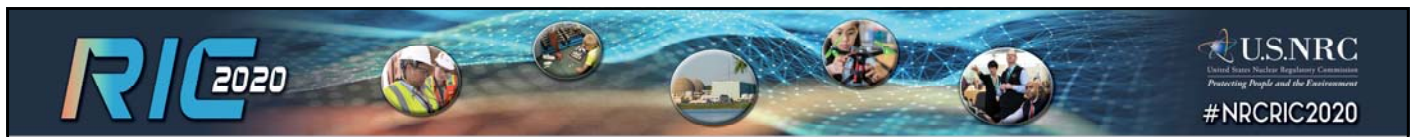
Considerations for Modernization and Streamlining

- Title 41 of Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST-41)
- Executive Order (E.O.) 13807, "Establishing Discipline and Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure Projects," dated August 15, 2017
- Lessons Learned Reports (Licensing and Environmental Reviews)
- NRC Innovation and Transformation Efforts
- Process Improvements
- Policy Changes



Guidance Modernization and Streamlining Efforts

- Current Efforts
 - NRC Desktop Guide: Federal Environmental Reviews under FAST-41 and E.O. 13807
 - Revision of NUREG-1555, “Standard Review Plans for Environmental Reviews for Nuclear Power Plants: Environmental Standard Review Plan” (ESRP)
 - Environmental Process Integration and Consolidation (EPIC)
 - COL-ISG-29, “Environmental Considerations Associated with Micro-Reactors”



Guidance Modernization and Streamlining Efforts

- Future Efforts
 - Revision of NUREG-1748, “Environmental Review Guidance for Licensing Actions Associated with NMSS Programs”
 - Revision of NUREG-1437, “Generic Environmental Impact Statement for License Renewal of Nuclear Plants”

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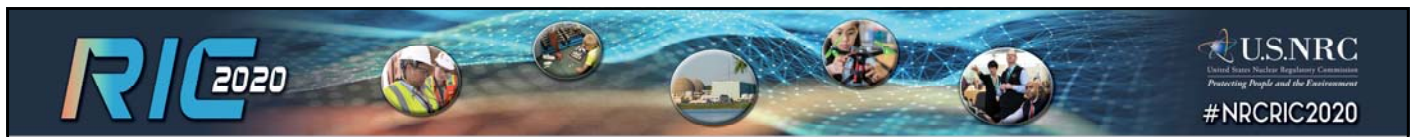
Modernization and Streamlining: ESRP Example

- Revision of Environmental Standard Review Plan (NUREG-1555)
 - Established Tiger Team to—
 - Develop Modernization/Streamlining Key Concepts
 - Look at a New Structure for Environmental Impact Statements (EISs)
 - Lead EIS Example Implementation of Modernization and Streamlining



Modernization and Streamlining ESRP Example

- Key Concepts for Modernization and Streamlining of EISs
 - Lower Level of Detail for Lower Risk Issues
 - Increase Use of Incorporation by Reference
 - Reduce Redundant Text
 - Use Plain Language



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Modernization and Streamlining ESRP Example Current New Reactor EIS Structure

Front Matter

- Abstract, Table of Contents, List of Figures and Tables, Executive Summary, Abbreviations and Acronyms

Chapters 1–10

- Introduction
- Affected Environment
- Site Layout and Project Description
- Construction Impacts
- Operation Impacts
- Fuel Cycle, Transportation, and Decommissioning Impacts
- Cumulative Impacts
- Need for Power
- Environmental Consequences of Alternatives
- Conclusions and Recommendations

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Modernization and Streamlining ESRP Example Current New Reactor Environmental Impact Statement Structure

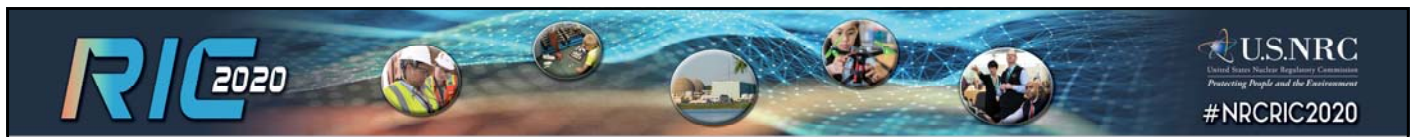
Chapters 11–12

- References and Index

Appendices

- Typically 11 for a Combined License EIS
- Typically 13 for an Early Site Permit EIS
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Cooperating Agency)—One to Three Additional Appendices

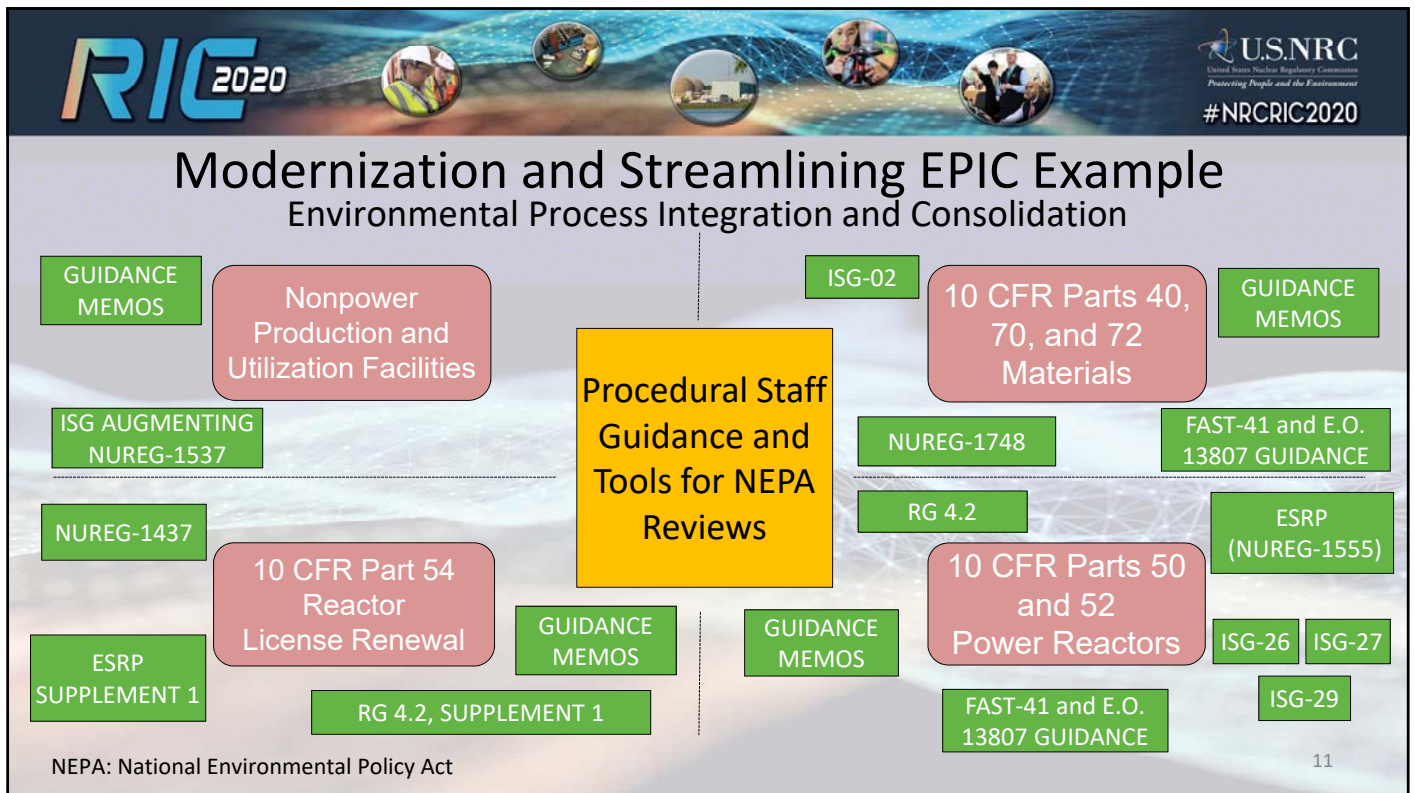
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Modernization and Streamlining ESRP Example Potential Revised New Reactor EIS Structure

- Front Matter—Abstract, Table of Contents, List of Figures and Tables, Executive Summary, Abbreviations and Acronyms
- Chapter 1—Introduction (Purpose and Need Statement)
- Chapter 2—Description of the Proposed Project, Need for Power Conclusion, Description of Alternatives
- Chapter 3—Affected Environment
- Chapter 4—Environmental Consequences of the Proposed Project (Construction, Operation, and Cumulative Impacts)
- Chapter 5—Environmental Consequences of Alternatives
- Chapter 6—Conclusions and Recommendation
- Chapter 7—References
- Chapter 8—Index
- Appendices—Nine Condensed NRC Appendices

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Modernization and Streamlining Process Example

Use of Multiphase Audits for the Clinch River Early Site Permit Environmental Review

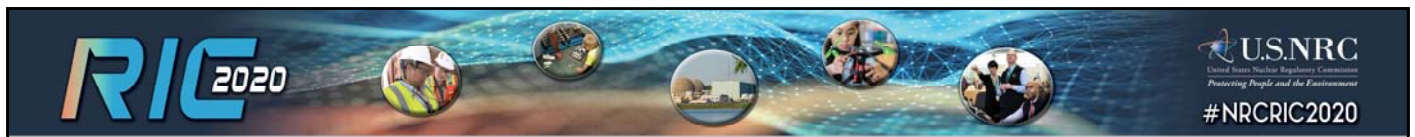
Phase 1: Onsite Audit



Phase 2: Continued Document Reviews and Applicant Interactions



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