WHAT IS THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION?
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tory agency responsible for licensing and inspecting nuclear power plants and other uses of radioactive materials.

WHAT DOES THE NRC DO?
The NRC’s primary responsibility is to ensure that workers and the public are protected from unnecessary or excessive exposure to radiation and that nuclear facilities, including power plants, are constructed to high quality standards and operated in a safe and secure manner. The NRC does this by establishing requirements in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations (10 CFR) and for licenses issued to nuclear users.

WHAT RESPONSIBILITY DOES MY EMPLOYER HAVE?
Any company that conducts activities licensed by the NRC must comply with the NRC’s requirements. If a company violates NRC requirements, it can be fined or have operations suspended or revoked.

Your employer must tell you which NRC radiation requirements apply to your work and must post NRC Notices of Violation involving radiological working conditions.

WHAT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY?
For your own protection and the protection of your co-workers, you should know how NRC requirements relate to your work and should follow them. If you observe violations of the requirements or have a safety concern, you should report them.

WHAT IF I CAUSE A VIOLATION?
If you engaged in deliberate misconduct that may cause a violation of the NRC requirements, or would have caused a violation if it had not been detected, or deliberately provided inaccurate or incomplete information to either the NRC or your employer, you may be subject to enforcement action. If you report such a violation to your employer, the company is responsible for your reporting it to the NRC.

HOW ARE VIOLATIONS OF NRC REQUIREMENTS IDENTIFIED?
NRC conducts regular inspections at licensed facilities to assure compliance with the requirements and regulations. Violations are identified through inspections, daily monitoring of work areas and systems by the employees, and by advice of those affected.

MAY I TALK WITH AN NRC INSPECTOR?
Yes, NRC inspectors are available to talk with you if you are worried about radiation safety or have other safety concerns about licensed activities, such as the quality of construction or operations of your facility. You can also talk to the inspector from your workplace.

MAY I REQUEST AN INSPECTION?
Yes. If you believe that your employer has not corrected violations involving radiological working conditions, you may request an inspection. Your request should be addressed to the nearest NRC Regional Office and must describe the alleged violation in detail. It must be signed by you or your representative.

HOW DO I CONTACT THE NRC?
Talk to an NRC inspector on-site or call or write to the nearest NRC Regional Office in your geographical area (see map below). If you call the NRC’s toll-

free SAFETY HOTLINE for re-
porting safety concerns is listed below. The addresses for the NRC Regional Offices and the toll-free telephone numbers are also listed below. You can also e-mail safety concerns to NRC-Allegations@nrc.gov.

WHAT IF I WORK WITH RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL OR IN THE VICINITY
OF A RADIOACTIVE SOURCE?
If you work with radioactive materials or near a radiation source, the amount of radiation you receive during a work shift is a factor in determining your annual dose limit. Your employer must tell you which NRC radiation requirements apply to your work and must post NRC Notices of Violation involving radiological working conditions.

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