



STRATEGIC PLAN

Fiscal Years 2008-2013

At-A-Glance



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ABOUT THE NRC

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC or agency) is an independent agency that was established by the *Energy Reorganization Act of 1974* and began operations in 1975. Congress established the NRC to regulate the Nation's civilian commercial, industrial, academic, and medical uses of nuclear materials. The NRC is headed by five Commissioners appointed by the President of the United States, with the advice and consent of the U.S. Senate, to serve staggered 5-year terms. The President designates one of the Commissioners to serve as Chairman.

The NRC's scope of responsibility includes the regulation of commercial nuclear power plants; research and test reactors; nuclear fuel cycle facilities; medical, academic, and industrial uses of radioactive materials; the decommissioning of these facilities and sites; and the transport, storage, and disposal of radioactive materials and wastes. The NRC issues licenses for civilian uses of radioactive materials, oversees the licensees, and certifies standard nuclear reactor designs and spent fuel storage casks and transportation packages. The NRC provides consultation to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) about disposal options for waste incidental to reprocessing and monitors the Department's disposal actions for incidental waste. The NRC also licenses the import and export of radioactive materials; participates in international nuclear activities, including multilateral and bilateral safety and security activities; and works closely with its international counterparts to enhance nuclear safety and security worldwide.

MISSION

The mission of the NRC is to license and regulate the Nation's civilian use of byproduct, source, and special nuclear materials to ensure the adequate protection of public health and safety, promote the common defense and security, and protect the environment.

NRC ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES

The NRC organizational values ensure excellence in accomplishing the agency's mission:

- **integrity** in our working relationships, practices, and decisions
- **service** to the public and others who are affected by our work
- **openness** in communications and decision-making
- **commitment** to public health and safety, security, and the environment
- **cooperation** in the planning, management, and performance of agency work
- **excellence** in our individual and collective actions
- **respect** for individuals' diversity, roles, beliefs, viewpoints, and work/life balance

STRATEGIC GOALS

Safety: Ensure adequate protection of public health and safety and the environment.

Security: Ensure adequate protection in the secure use and management of radioactive materials.

STRATEGIC OUTCOMES

- Prevent the occurrence of nuclear reactor accidents.
- Prevent the occurrence of inadvertent criticality events.
- Prevent the occurrence of acute radiation exposures resulting in fatalities.
- Prevent the occurrence of releases of radioactive materials that result in significant radiation exposures.
- Prevent the occurrence of releases of radioactive materials that cause significant adverse environmental impacts.
- Prevent instances where licensed radioactive materials are used domestically in a manner hostile to the United States.
- Prevent unauthorized public disclosures of classified or Safeguards Information through quality measures.