

NRC Management Perspectives



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- Being true to NRC's role
- Waste Confidence
- ISFSI renewals
- Interim storage facility
- Risk informing regulatory activities
- Preview of coming attractions

NRC's Role



- Principles of Good Regulation
 - Ensuring safety and security while appropriately balancing the interests of the NRC's stakeholders, including the public and licensees
 - Independence does not imply isolation
 - But collaboration does not imply collusion
 - Open channels of communication
 - Regulations should be coherent, logical, and practical
 - Regulation should be perceived to be reliable



Waste Confidence

- Top agency priority
- ISFSI renewal licensing reviews continue
 - Prairie Island
 - Calvert Cliffs
- Draft EIS, Draft Waste Confidence Decision, and Proposed Waste Confidence Rule scheduled to be issued September 2013
- On schedule for final rule by September 2014
- Plan to issue renewals soon after

Interim Storage Facility



- National Strategy issued in January 2013
- Review of NRC regulations complete
 - No changes required (caveat)
- At least four entities expressing some level of interest

NRC prepared to engage in



pre-selection as well as pre-application meetings



Interim Storage Facility (cont.)

- Application review not part of budget cycles pending degree of assurance regarding timing and number of potential applications
- Length of the review will depend on quality
- Much of spent fuel currently stored is not in transportable casks which may require additional licensing actions and transfer activities
- Need stakeholder input to assist licensing planning efforts



Risk Informing Regulatory Activities

- Risk Managed Task Force Working Group
- SFST risk strategy
 - Draft plan by end of year
 - Pilot activity initiation targeted for 2014



Informed by previous risk
studies as well as NEI Part 72 PRM



Preview of Coming Attractions

- Licensing Program Improvements
- High burnup fuel
- Waste Confidence and extended storage
- Generic Issues
- Licensing process changes
 - Internal process changes
 - Potential prioritization of actions

Questions







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