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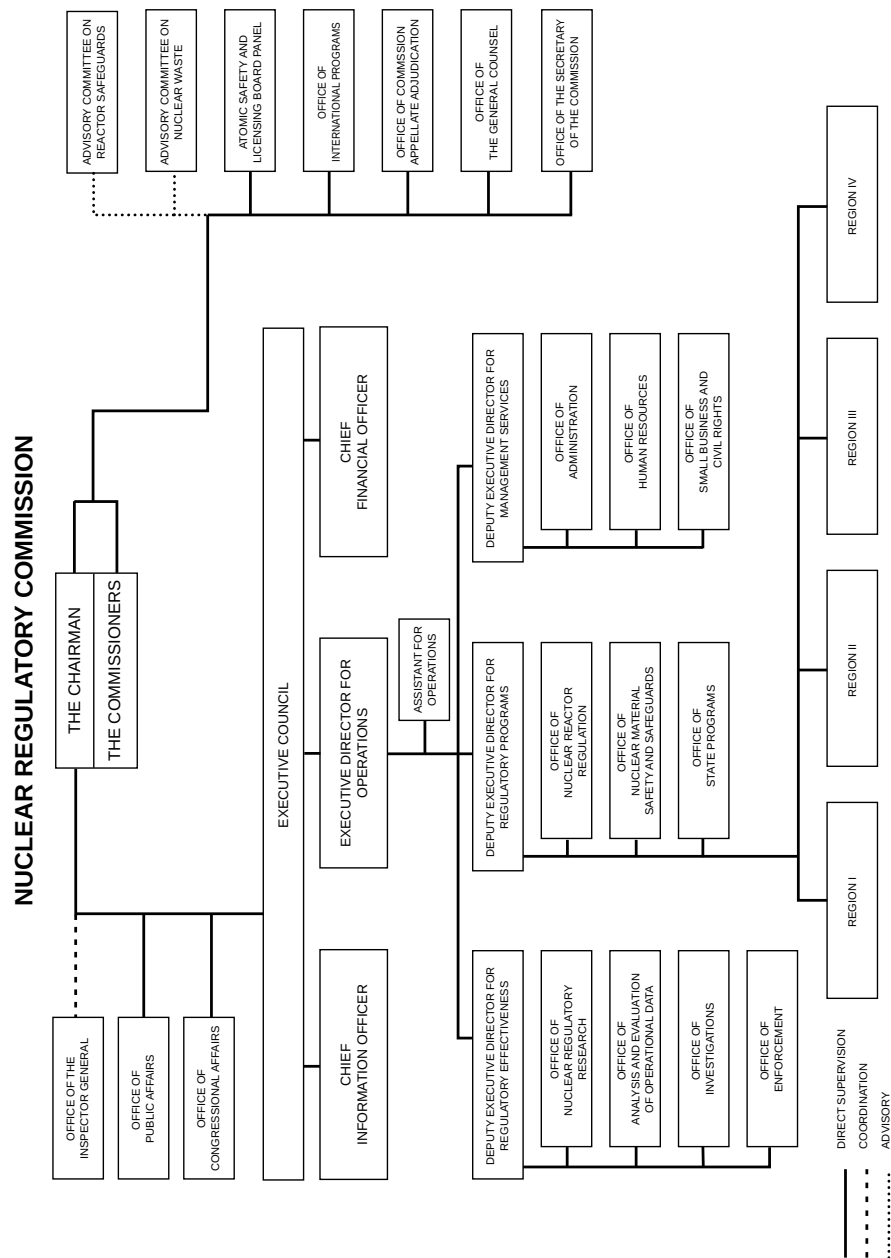
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The Nuclear Regulatory Commission licenses and regulates civilian use of nuclear energy to protect public health and safety and the environment. This is achieved by licensing persons and companies to build and operate nuclear reactors and other facilities and to own and use nuclear materials. The Commission makes rules and sets standards for these types of licenses. It also carefully inspects the activities of the persons and companies licensed to ensure that they do not violate the safety rules of the Commission.

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) was established as an independent regulatory agency under the provisions of the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5801 *et seq.*) and Executive Order 11834 of January 15, 1975, effective January 19, 1975. Transferred to the Commission were all licensing and related regulatory functions formerly assigned to the Atomic Energy Commission, which was established by the Atomic Energy Act of 1946 (60 Stat. 755), as amended by the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2011 *et seq.*).

The Commission's major program components are the Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation, the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, and the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, which were created by the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974. Headquarters offices are located in suburban Maryland, and there are four regional offices.

The Commission ensures that the civilian uses of nuclear materials and facilities are conducted in a manner consistent with the public health and safety, environmental quality, national



security, and the antitrust laws. The major share of the Commission's effort is focused on regulating the use of nuclear energy to generate electric power.

Activities

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission fulfills its responsibilities through a system of licensing and regulatory activities that include:

- licensing the construction and operation of nuclear reactors and other nuclear facilities, such as nuclear fuel cycle facilities and nonpower test and research reactors, and overseeing their decommissioning;
- licensing the possession, use, processing, handling, and export of nuclear material;
- licensing the siting, design, construction, operation, and closure of low-level radioactive waste disposal sites under NRC jurisdiction and the construction, operation, and closure of the geologic repository for high-level radioactive waste;
- licensing the operators of nuclear power and nonpower test and research reactors;
- inspecting licensed facilities and activities;
- conducting the principal U.S. Government research program on light-water reactor safety;
- conducting research to provide independent expertise and information for making timely regulatory judgments and for anticipating problems of potential safety significance;
- developing and implementing rules and regulations that govern licensed nuclear activities;
- investigating nuclear incidents and allegations concerning any matter regulated by the NRC;
- enforcing NRC regulations and the conditions of NRC licenses;
- conducting public hearings on matters of nuclear and radiological safety, environmental concern, common defense and security, and antitrust matters;
- maintaining the NRC Incident Response Program, including the NRC Operations Center;
- collecting, analyzing, and disseminating information about the

operational safety of commercial nuclear power reactors and certain nonreactor activities; and

—developing effective working relationships with the States regarding reactor operations and the regulation of nuclear material, including assurance that adequate regulatory programs are maintained by those States that exercise, by agreement with the Commission, regulatory control over certain nuclear materials in the State.

Sources of Information

Contracts and Procurement Detailed information on how to do business with the Commission may be obtained by calling the Director, Division of Contracts and Property Management, at 301-415-7305. Information on programs to assist small business is available from the Director, Office of Small Business and Civil Rights, Mail Stop T2F18, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Phone, 301-415-7380.

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Recruitment is continual, and applications from individuals qualified for Commission needs are accepted whenever they are received. In addition to receiving applications from candidates at all grade levels throughout the year, the agency recruits annually from colleges as appropriate to fill needs for interns and entry-level professionals.

Employment inquiries, applications, and requests from schools for participation in the recruitment program may be directed to the Director, Office of Human Resources, Mail Stop T3A2, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Phone, 301-415-7516.

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Publications The NRC publishes several annual reports: the *NRC Annual Report* (NUREG-1145), a summary of major agency activities for the year; a *Report to Congress on Abnormal Occurrences* (NUREG-0090); and analyses of operational data for plants and materials (NUREG-1272, Vols. 1 and 2). Published semiannually are the *Telephone Directory* (NUREG/BR-0046) and the *Regulatory Agenda* (NUREG-0936); published quarterly are the *Regulatory and Technical Reports Abstract Journal* (NUREG-0304) and the *Licensee, Contractor, and Vendor Inspection Status Report* (NUREG-0040); published monthly are the *Title List of Documents Made Publicly Available* (NUREG-0540); and published weekly is the *Weekly Information Report*. The *Nuclear Regulatory Commission Issuances* (NUREG-0750) contain adjudications and other issuances for the Commission, including those for the Atomic Safety and Licensing Boards. Semiannual compilations for the monthly editions are published along with four indices for these issuances.

In addition to these periodic publications, the NRC publishes in its NUREG Series scientific, technical, and administrative information dealing with licensing and regulation of civilian nuclear facilities and materials. The title list (NUREG-0540) identifies these publications and lists docketed and nondocketed material received and produced by the NRC pertinent to its role as a regulatory agency. Some publications and documents are available through the Internet, at <http://www.nrc.gov/>.

The Government Printing Office sells single copies of or subscriptions to NRC publications, as does the National Technical Information Service. To obtain prices and order NRC publications, contact the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, P.O. Box 37082, Washington, DC

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Active Regulatory Guides may be obtained without charge by faxed request to 301-415-5272 or by written request to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555, Attention: Publishing Services Branch. *Active Regulatory Guides* may also be purchased, as they are issued, on standing orders from the National Technical Information Service. These *Regulatory Guides* are published in 10 subject areas: Power Reactors, Research and Test Reactors, Fuels and Materials Facilities, Environmental and Siting, Materials and Plant Protection, Products, Transportation, Occupational Health, Antitrust and Financial Review, and General.

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For further information, contact the Office of Public Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001. Phone, 301-415-8200. Internet, <http://www.nrc.gov/>.

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