



Transparency in Records Management -- The Regulator and Industry

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NRC Mission and Strategic Goals

- **Mission** - License and regulate the Nation's civilian use of byproduct, source, and special nuclear materials to ensure adequate protection of public health and safety; promote the common defense and security, and protect the environment
- **Goals** - Safety, Security, Openness, Effectiveness, and Management
- **Balancing Safety and Security with Openness**



Legislative Background

- Administrative Procedure Act
- Freedom of Information Act
- Electronic FOIA
- Sunshine Act
- Paperwork Reduction Act



Stakeholder Involvement

■ Benefits

- ◆ Effective and efficient regulatory process
- ◆ Clearly defined regulations and guidance documents
- ◆ Stakeholder understanding and acceptance

■ Industry understands why information contributes

- ◆ Participate in comment process
- ◆ Understand basis for regulatory requirements



NRC Efforts Toward Transparency and Openness

- Public Document Room
- Local Public Document Rooms located in the vicinity of nuclear facilities
- Nuclear Documents System (NUDOCS)
 - ◆ 1978 – 1999
- Bibliographic Retrieval System (BRS)
- Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS)



Transparency and Openness – Electronic Age

- Participation with NIRMA to develop NRC regulatory guidance documents
 - ◆ Electronic Media
- Electronic Information Exchange
- Industry Involvement
 - ◆ E-Rule Guidance Document
 - ◆ ADAMS Living Documents Solution
- Virtual Public Document Room
 - ◆ NRC public web site



What Does the Future Hold?

- **Mission** - License and regulate the Nation's civilian use of byproduct, source, and special nuclear materials to ensure adequate protection of public health and safety; promote the common defense and security, and protect the environment
- **Balance safety and security**
- **Work with industry to continue mutually beneficial interactions and information sharing**



Questions ?