

September 5, 2014

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. President:

As required by the Government Performance and Modernization Results Act of 2010 the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is issuing a Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2014 - 2018 to replace the version issued in February 2012. The development of this plan included consulting with Congress and considering comments from stakeholders on our draft Plan.

The NRC's Strategic Plan describes the agency's vision, mission, and strategic goals of safety and security. The NRC's priority continues to be, to regulate the Nation's civilian use of radioactive materials to protection of public health and safety, promote the common defense and security, and protect the environment. The agency's vision is to be a trusted, independent, transparent, and effective nuclear regulator.

The two strategic goals for the NRC are Safety and Security. The strategic goals, along with their associated objectives and strategies, describe the agency's core regulatory functions in which NRC regulates the nuclear industry. This focus on safety and security ensures that the NRC remains a strong independent, stable, and effective regulator. The Strategic Plan also describes the agency's cross-cutting strategies for regulatory effectiveness and openness, and the management objectives for human capital and information management and information technology. These objectives and strategies characterize the manner in which the agency intends to achieve its mission.

The document also reflects the changes taking place in the regulatory environment, such as the expected receipt of applications to construct and operate small modular reactors, while continuing to ensure the safe and secure operation of the existing licensed facilities, as well as addressing any national policy decisions related to the management of radioactive waste.

Sincerely,

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As stated

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