



# NRC PUBLIC MEETING

SEPTEMBER 11, 2019

**NEIMA SECTION 108: BEST PRACTICES FOR  
COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS AT  
DECOMMISSIONING NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS**

# Agenda

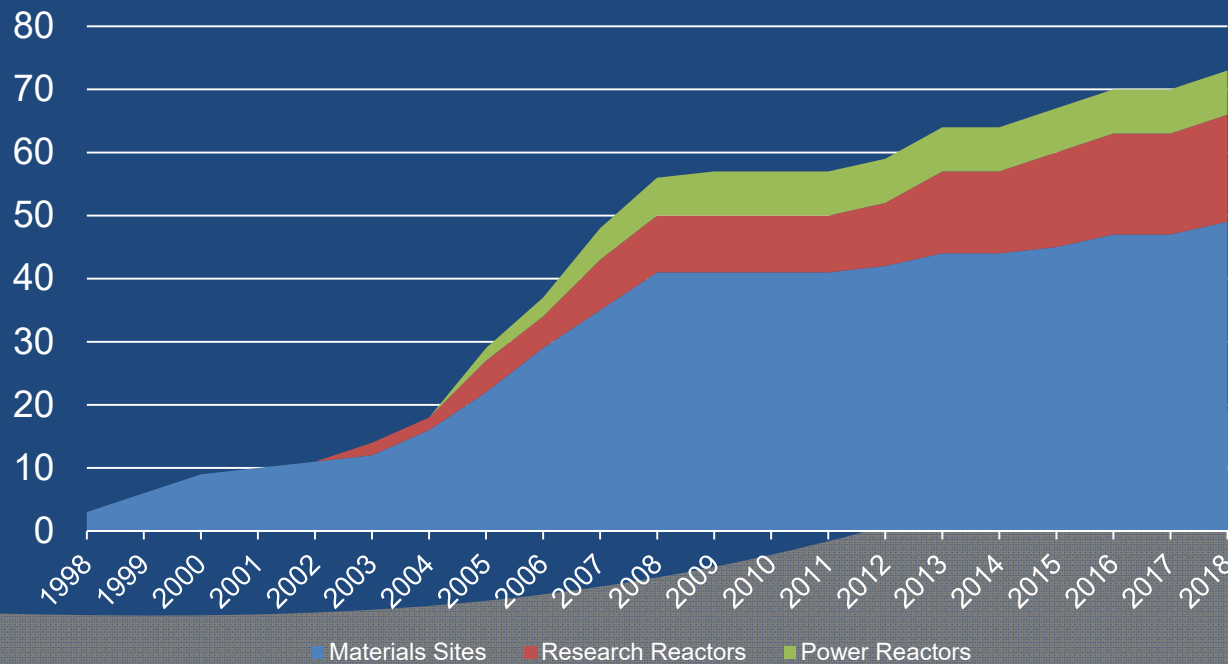
NRC Category III Public Meeting to obtain comments to identify best practices for establishment and operation of local community advisory boards (CABs) for decommissioning nuclear power reactors, including lessons learned from existing CABs

- ❖ Meeting Safety Procedures
- ❖ Introductions
- ❖ NRC Presentation
- ❖ Ground Rules
- ❖ Public Comments
- ❖ Close the Meeting at 9 p.m.

# Decommissioning Experience

- ❖ The NRC's current decommissioning regulations are performance-based and risk-informed
- ❖ Extensive decommissioning experience
- ❖ A total of 10 power reactor sites have completed decommissioning and had the reactor licenses terminated for unrestricted use

Cumulative Completion of Decommissioning Sites  
1998-2018





# Massachusetts Decommissioning Experience

## Yankee Rowe Nuclear Power Station - 2007





# Massachusetts Decommissioning Experience

## Worcester Polytechnic Research Reactor -2013



# Nuclear Energy Innovation and Modernization Act (NEIMA) Section 108

- ❖ **January 14, 2019** – legislation issued. Section 108,  
“The Commission shall submit to Congress.....a report identifying best practices with respect the establishment and operation of a local community advisory board (CAB) to foster communication and information exchange between a licensee planning for and involved in decommissioning activities and members of the community that decommissioning activities may affect, including lessons learned from any such board in existence.....”
- ❖ **Comments may be submitted to the NRC until November 15, 2019**, through the NEIMA Section 108 Website, the regulations.gov website, letter, or email

# Community Advisory Boards

- ❖ An organized group of citizens interested in safe decommissioning practices and spent fuel management at a decommissioning facility
- ❖ Sponsor is usually the local licensee or mandated by the State legislature
- ❖ Composition typically includes local community leaders and elected officials, State representatives, and members of licensee staff
- ❖ Most CABs have a governing charter to establish roles and responsibilities



# Typical CAB Responsibilities

- ❖ Reviews licensee plans for decommissioning
- ❖ Provides insight into potential impact on the local community
- ❖ Opportunity for public education on decommissioning
- ❖ Can make recommendations to State officials
- ❖ Provides input on site restoration, plans for future reuse of the site and economic development

# Report to Congress Contents

## ❖ A description of:

- CAB discussion topics
- CAB recommendations to inform the decision making processes during decommissioning
- CAB interactions with the Commission and other Federal regulatory bodies to support the board members' overall understanding of the decommissioning process and promote dialogue between the affected stakeholders and the licensee involved in decommissioning activities
- How a CAB could offer opportunities for public engagement throughout all phases of the decommissioning process

# Report to Congress Contents

## ❖ CAB best practices for:

- CAB membership composition, selection process, terms
- When the CAB was established and the frequency of CAB meetings
- Specific logistics required to support the CAB
- Other identified best practices or activities

- ❖ These topics are captured in a questionnaire that is available at the meeting or can be electronically submitted



# Methods to Submit Comments

- ❖ Public comments at NRC NEIMA public meetings
- ❖ Fill out the NEIMA questionnaire online here:  
<https://www.nrc.gov/waste/decommissioning/neima-local-comm-advisory-board-questionnaire.html>
- ❖ Submit Comments Electronically to Federal Rulemaking website:  
<http://www.regulations.gov> Docket ID NRC-2019-0073-0001
- ❖ Scan completed questionnaires and send to:  
[NEIMA108.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:NEIMA108.Resource@nrc.gov)
- ❖ Mail completed questionnaires to:  
Kim Conway, U.S. NRC  
11545 Rockville Pike, Mail Stop T-5 A10  
Rockville, MD 20852

# NEIMA Section 108 Web Page

- ❖ Additional information is available on the NRC website:  
<https://www.nrc.gov/waste/decommissioning/neima-section-108.html>

The screenshot shows the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) website homepage. The header includes the NRC logo, tagline "Protecting People and the Environment", a search bar, and a "REPORT A SAFETY CONCERN" button. A navigation bar lists categories: NUCLEAR REACTORS, NUCLEAR MATERIALS, RADIOACTIVE WASTE, NUCLEAR SECURITY, PUBLIC MEETINGS & INVOLVEMENT, NRC LIBRARY, and ABOUT NRC.

Key sections on the page include:

- Facility Locator:** "Locate Now » a facility near you."
- STAY CONNECTED:** Links to Blog, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, RSS, and a mail icon.
- Spotlight:** A section circled in red, listing items like "Community Advisory Board Meetings", "Transforming the NRC", "Information Quality Program", and "Response to 2019 GAO Audit".
- News & Speeches:** Features a date filter for "August 23, 2019" and a list of news items, including "Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Admits One Contention in Proceeding on Texas Spent Fuel Storage Proposal".
- Public Meetings:** Includes a calendar view for August 2019.
- Commission Meeting Webcasts:** States "No Commission Webcasts currently scheduled."
- Event Reports:** "Reports Associated with Events" with a "Read more »" link.
- ADAMS Public Documents:** "Search and view NRC's public documents" with a "Read more »" link.
- Open Government:** "NRC Approach to Open/Digital Government" with a "Read more »" link.
- The Student Corner:** A section at the bottom right.

The footer features the U.S. NRC logo and tagline.

# Questions

- ❖ David McIntyre, Office of Public Affairs
- ❖ Phone: 301-415-8206
- ❖ Email: [NEIMA108.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:NEIMA108.Resource@nrc.gov)





# Summary

## Meeting Purpose

Obtain Public Comments and Feedback on  
**BEST PRACTICES FOR COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARDS  
AT DECOMMISSIONING NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS**

**MEETING GROUND RULES**

**COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK**

# Methods to Submit Comments

- ❖ Public comments at NRC NEIMA public meetings
- ❖ Fill out the NEIMA questionnaire online here:  
<https://www.nrc.gov/waste/decommissioning/neima-local-comm-advisory-board-questionnaire.html>
- ❖ Submit Comments Electronically to Federal Rulemaking website:  
<http://www.regulations.gov> Docket ID NRC-2019-0073-0001
- ❖ Scan completed questionnaires and send to:  
[NEIMA108.Resource@nrc.gov](mailto:NEIMA108.Resource@nrc.gov)
- ❖ Mail completed questionnaires to:  
Kim Conway, U.S. NRC  
11545 Rockville Pike, Mail Stop T-5 A10  
Rockville, MD 20852

# NEIMA Section 108 Web Page

- ❖ Additional information is available on the NRC website:  
<https://www.nrc.gov/waste/decommissioning/neima-section-108.html>

The screenshot shows the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) website homepage. The header includes the NRC logo, tagline "Protecting People and the Environment", a search bar, and a "REPORT A SAFETY CONCERN" button. A navigation bar lists categories: NUCLEAR REACTORS, NUCLEAR MATERIALS, RADIOACTIVE WASTE, NUCLEAR SECURITY, PUBLIC MEETINGS & INVOLVEMENT, NRC LIBRARY, and ABOUT NRC.

Below the navigation bar, there are several sections:

- Facility Locator:** Includes a map and the text "Locate Now » a facility near you."
- STAY CONNECTED:** Features icons for Blog, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, RSS, and a mail icon.
- Spotlight:** This section is circled in red. It lists items such as "Community Advisory Board Meetings", "Transforming the NRC", "Information Quality Program", and "Response to 2019 GAO Audit".
- News & Speeches:** Displays a date "August 23, 2019" and a headline "Atomic Safety and Licensing Board Admits One Contention in Proceeding on Texas Spent Fuel Storage Proposal".
- Public Meetings:** Includes a calendar for August 2019, showing dates 1, 2, and 3.
- Commission Meeting Webcasts:** States "No Commission Webcasts currently scheduled."
- Event Reports:** Includes a link to "Reports Associated with Events" and a "Read more »" link.
- ADAMS Public Documents:** Includes a link to "Search and view NRC's public documents" and a "Read more »" link.
- Open Government:** Includes a link to "NRC Approach to Open/Digital Government" and a "Read more »" link.
- The Student Corner:** A section at the bottom right.