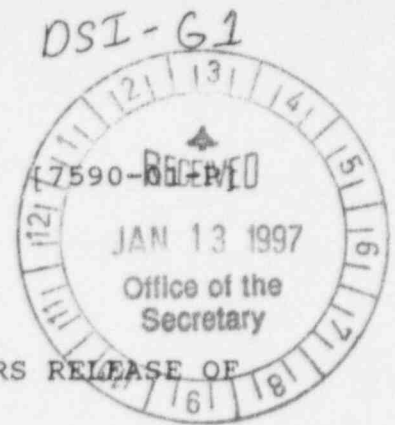


NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION



STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT AND REBASELINING STAKEHOLDERS RELEASE OF
PHASE II STAKEHOLDER INTERACTION REPORT

AGENCY: Nuclear Regulatory Commission

ACTION: Release of Phase II Stakeholder Interaction Report

SUMMARY: On January 13, 1996, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission released the Strategic Assessment and Rebaselining Initiative Phase II Stakeholder Interaction Report for public information. Volume I of this report provides an analysis of significant comments received from stakeholders through various media and public conferences. Volume II consists of copies of stakeholder's written comments. Volume III consists of transcripts from the three public conferences held in the fall of 1996.

This four-phase effort was initiated in September 1995, with the goal of producing a strategic plan in CY 1997. The development and implementation of this strategic plan will meet the requirements of the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) of 1993.

The Commission will utilize stakeholder comments as it makes final decisions on the issue papers. These decisions will provide the bases for the NRC's Strategic Plan.

The plan will provide a basis for aligning the agency organization and budget with the agency mission and general goals. It will be the agency tool for setting priorities and

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allocating resources consistent with the vision and goals of the agency.

In Phase I, a steering committee was established comprising senior agency managers. The steering committee reviewed the NRC's activities to understand where the NRC is today, and what needs to be considered in providing options for responding to change. Some key objectives identified by the steering committee were: establish a strategic framework under which the NRC will continue to meet its primary responsibility of protecting public health and safety and the environment; provide a sound and well-rounded foundation for the NRC's direction and decision-making for the rest of this decade and into the next century; ensure that the Commission, its staff, Congress, other Government agencies, and the public have a common understanding of what the NRC's strategic goals are; and establish agency performance measures to determine the extent to which strategic or tactical objectives are being achieved.

In Phase II, the steering committee developed issue papers. They obtained the Commission's preliminary decisions on the issues, and they released the papers for public comments of its stakeholders--Federal entities (Administration/OMB, Congress, and other agencies), NRC employees and their representatives, Agreement States, non-Agreement States, compliers (e.g., licensees, employees of licensees, industry groups), public interest groups, and the public--as part of the decision-making process.

They asked that the stakeholders focus on the following in

responding to the NRC:

1. What, if any, important considerations may have been omitted from the issue papers?

2. How accurate are the NRC's assumptions and projections for internal and external factors discussed in the issue papers?

3. Do the Commission's preliminary views associated with each issue paper respond to the current environment and challenges?

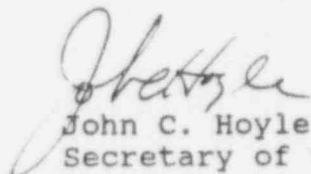
4. Additionally, the Commission sought comments on specific questions identified in the "Preliminary Commission View" section of each issue paper.

Volumes I and III can be obtained electronically from the NRC's Home Page on the World Wide Web (Internet address <http://www.nrc.gov>) and FedWorld at 1-800-303-9672. Paper copies of all three volumes are available by calling NRC's Public Document Room at 1-800-397-4209.

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