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NRC STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT AND REBASELINING INITIATIVE  
DIRECTION SETTING ISSUE COMMENT



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PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE:

- ☐ DSI 2 - Oversight of the Department of Energy
- ☐ DSI 4 - NRC's Relationship with Agreement States
- ☐ DSI 5 - Low-Level Waste
- ☐ DSI 6 - High-Level Waste
- ☐ DSI 7 - Materials/Medical Oversight
- ☐ DSI 9 - Decommissioning - Non Reactor Facilities
- ☐ DSI 10 - Reactor Licensing for Future Applicants
- ☐ DSI 11 - Operating Reactor Program Oversight
- ☐ DSI 12 - Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Regulation

- ☒ DSI 13 - Role of Industry
- ☐ DSI 14 - Public Communication Initiatives
- ☐ DSI 20 - International Activities
- ☐ DSI 21 - Fees
- ☐ DSI 22 - Research
- ☐ DSI 23 - Enhancing Regulatory Excellence
- ☐ DSI 24 - Power Reactor Decommissioning
- ☐ General

COMMENT:

Good start - but not very specific.

Need to educate the public on nuclear issues.

My experience with the public are two issues.

① What is my risk?

② How safe is the operation?

If these two questions are answered, 80% of the work is done.

The words open, candid and clear were used. I would add be truthful and honest. People are not stupid and once trust is lost, it is very difficult to regain. - On my project, I hear ~~the comment that we don't trust the State. I've asked who don't they trust and they mention a former director who has been retired for 5 years. Then they say they trust me.~~ Overcoming past history is very difficult. Three mile island, Chernobyl, etc. have hurt the industry. NRC, needs to communicate what <sup>was learned and what</sup> measures were taken to prevent such events from happening again.

People do not trust government (fed, state, etc.). Small steps should be taken to get the people, local government, action groups, educated and involved. They all work together at Rocky Flats. The process is long and arduous, but is starting to bear fruit.

EPA, at superfund sites, requires community involvement. Maybe NRC should review EPA documents,