



Joint Meeting of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission

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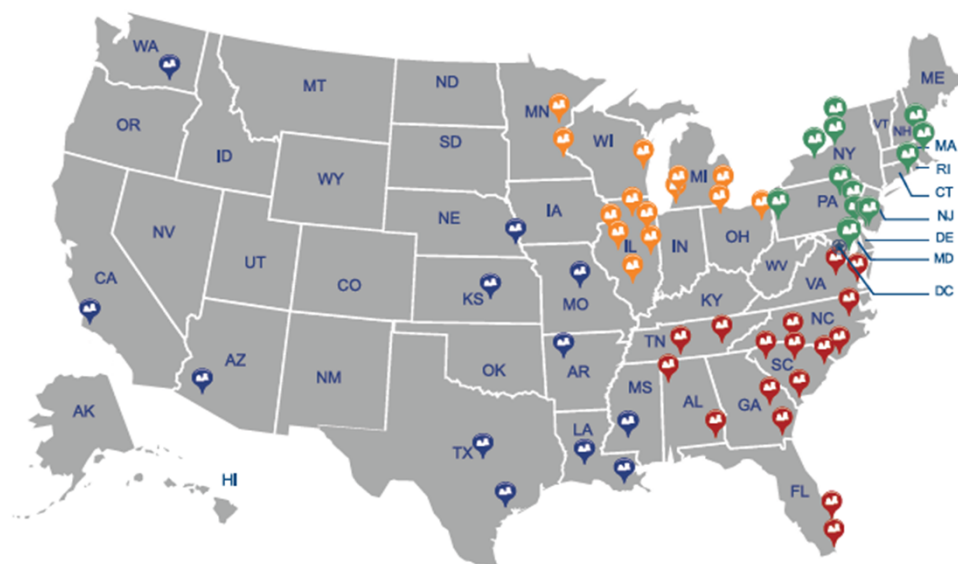
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Nuclear Power Plant Contributions to
the Grid



Protecting People and the Environment

Licensing and regulating the Nation's civilian use of radioactive materials to provide reasonable assurance of adequate protection of public health and safety and to promote the common defense and security and to protect the environment.



REGION I

CONNECTICUT
Millstone 2 and 3

MARYLAND
Calvert Cliffs 1 and 2

NEW HAMPSHIRE
Seabrook

NEW JERSEY
Hope Creek
Salem 1 and 2

NEW YORK
FitzPatrick
Ginna
Nine Mile Point 1 and 2

PENNSYLVANIA
Beaver Valley 1 and 2
Limerick 1 and 2
Peach Bottom 2 and 3
Susquehanna 1 and 2



REGION II

ALABAMA
Browns Ferry 1, 2, and 3
Farley 1 and 2

FLORIDA
St. Lucie 1 and 2
Turkey Point 3 and 4

GEORGIA
Hatch 1 and 2
Vogtle 1 and 2

NORTH CAROLINA
Brunswick 1 and 2
McGuire 1 and 2
Harris 1

SOUTH CAROLINA
Catawba 1 and 2
Oconee 1, 2, and 3
Robinson 2
Summer

TENNESSEE
Sequoyah 1 and 2
Watts Bar 1 and 2

VIRGINIA
North Anna 1 and 2
Surry 1 and 2



REGION III

ILLINOIS
Braidwood 1 and 2
Byron 1 and 2
Clinton
Dresden 2 and 3
LaSalle 1 and 2
Quad Cities 1 and 2

MICHIGAN
Cook 1 and 2
Fermi 2
Palisades

MINNESOTA
Monticello
Prairie Island 1 and 2

OHIO
Davis-Besse
Perry

WISCONSIN
Point Beach 1 and 2



REGION IV

ARKANSAS
Arkansas Nuclear 1 and 2

ARIZONA
Palo Verde 1, 2, and 3

CALIFORNIA
Diablo Canyon 1 and 2

KANSAS
Wolf Creek

LOUISIANA
River Bend 1
Waterford 3

MISSISSIPPI
Grand Gulf

MISSOURI
Callaway

NEBRASKA
Cooper

TEXAS
Comanche Peak 1 and 2
South Texas Project 1 and 2

WASHINGTON
Columbia

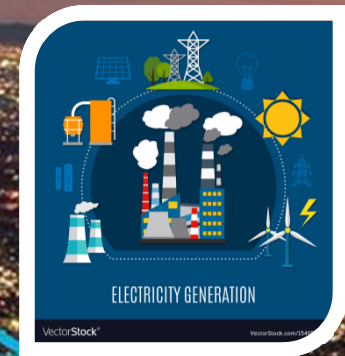
Nuclear Power Plays a Significant Role in the Nation's Electrical Grid Stability



Each unit delivers power to the grid about 90% of the time



Accounts for about 20% of total annual electricity generation



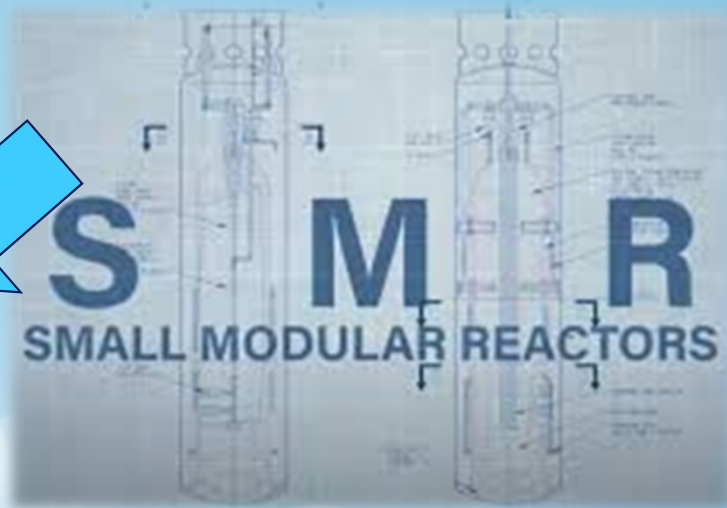
The average rating per unit is 1000 MW

Vogtle
Units 3 and 4

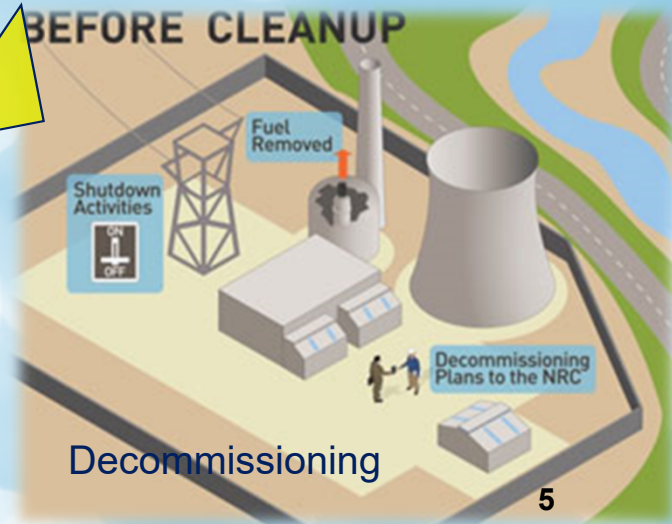
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RENEWALS**

Nuclear Power
Continues to be a
Significant Contributor
of Baseload Power to
the Grid



ADVANCED REACTOR
SYSTEMS



The NRC's Strong Licensing and Oversight Role Contributes to Safe License Renewal

NRC issues initial license

NRC issues renewed license

NRC issues subsequent renewed license

Continuous NRC Oversight

**Initial License
40 years**

All operating units
were initially
licensed for 40 years

**License Renewal
20 years**

Issued 79 Renewed
Licenses to current
operating fleet to
allow additional 20
years of operation.

Reactor unit
average age is
about 40 years

**Subsequent
License Renewal
20 years**

Issued 6 Subsequent Licenses
since 2018.

NRC is Preparing to Safely License Advanced Nuclear Reactors

Multiple Designs

Research and
Test Reactors

Molten Salt
Reactors

Microreactors

High-
Temperature
Gas-Cooled
Reactors

Liquid Metal
Cooled Fast
Reactors

13+

Current and potential applications by 2027

6+

Potential operating licenses by 2027

- 10+** Entities actively engaged in pre-application activities
- 21** Topical reports and white paper reviews completed for 7 vendors
- 22** Topical reports and white papers under evaluation from 8 vendors



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External Hazards

NRC's Coordination with FERC and NERC

Strong Coordination Between NRC, FERC, and NERC Supports Nuclear Safety and Security

Effective Agreements



- NRC-FERC:
 - Memorandum of Agreement on Grid Reliability, Cyber Security and Physical Security
 - Memorandum of Agreement on Dam Safety
 - Memorandum of Understanding on Critical Energy/Electric Infrastructure Information
- NRC-NERC:
 - Memorandum of Understanding on Security

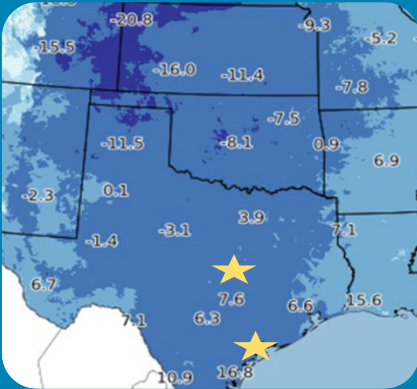
Technical, Regulatory and Policy Coordination



- NRC consults with FERC/NERC staff for transmission system status when NPPs request enforcement discretion
- Exchange information of interest during severe weather or other incidents affecting the grid

Nuclear Power Plants Remained Safe during the 2021 Texas Cold Weather Event

Unprecedented Cold Weather



- Both sites remained safe during degraded grid conditions

Comanche Peak 1 & 2



- Neither units shut down
- Proactively started an onsite emergency diesel generator

South Texas Project 1 & 2



- One unit safely shutdown due to a frozen instrumentation line

NRC Requirements Encompass the Effects of Severe Weather Events



Designed to
Withstand Loss
of Power



Operator Training
and NRC Oversight



Requirements and
Procedures to Protect
Plant Equipment

Dams under NRC Regulatory Jurisdiction are Safe



Risk –informed inspection
schedules

Nuclear Power Plants Can Safely Shut Down Following an EMP Event

Executive Order 13865



Coordinating National Resilience to Electromagnetic Pulses (EMP)

Reasonable Assurance



Previous analyses demonstrate that NPPs can safely shut down during an EMP-related electric grid event.

Building on Previous Evaluations



Continue to refine NRC and interagency assessments

Validation Efforts



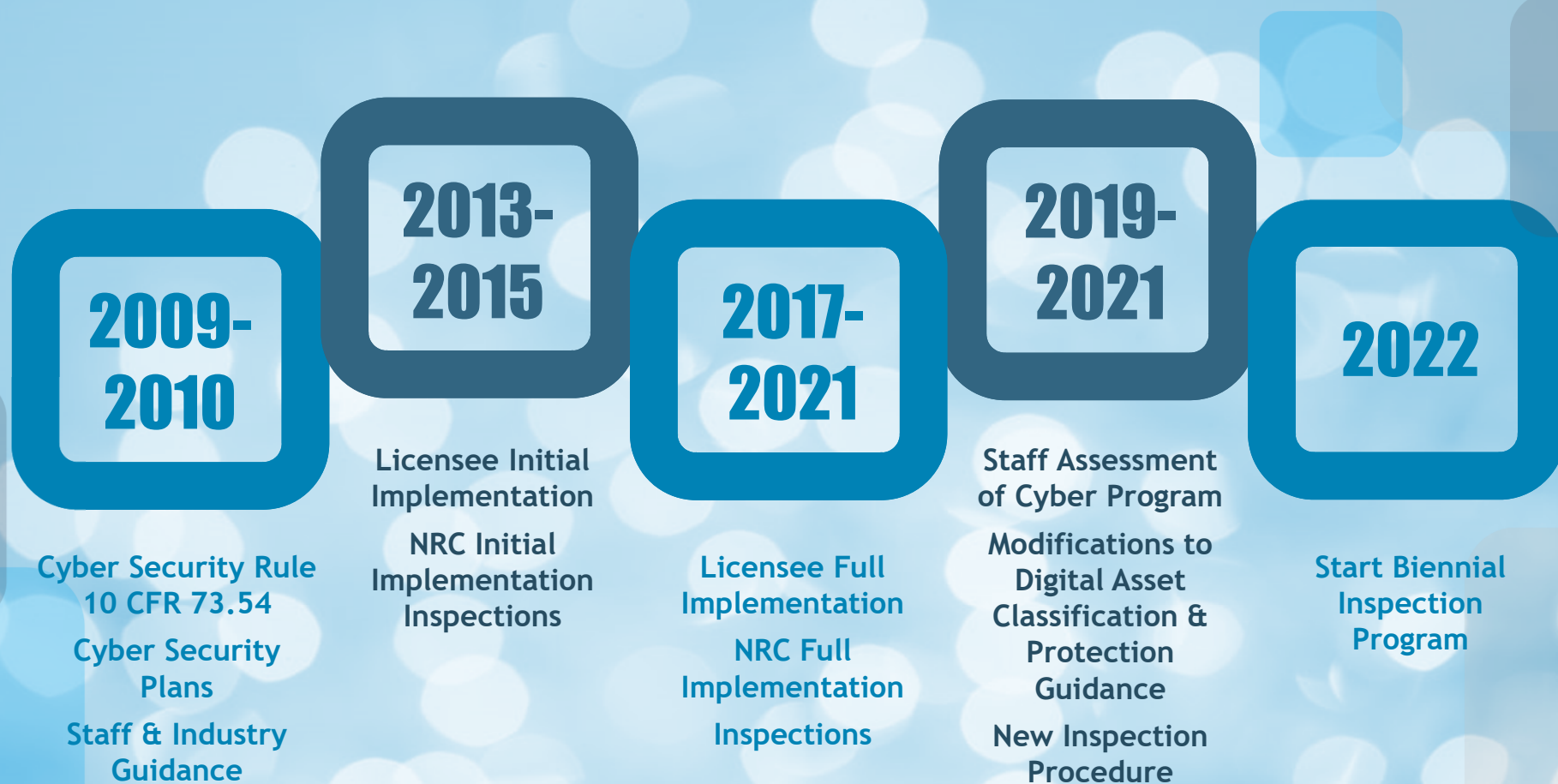
NRC providing technical input for interagency efforts to obtain additional data through testing

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Cyber Security Accomplishments

Progress in NRC's Cyber Security Inspection Program



Risk-informing NPP Cyber Security Program

Proposed Changes

Emergency Preparedness
Balance-of-plant
Safety Related /
Important-to-safety
Physical Security

Engagement

Offices & Regions
Public Meetings
NRC-FERC Discussions

Acceptance

Proposals Found to Be
Within Scope
Formal Industry &
Staff Guidance
Changes

Continued Focus on Emerging Technologies and Cyber Threats

DHS/CISA



Nuclear Sector Risk
Management Agency

DOE/CESER



Electric Grid Resilience
Cyber Security
Preparedness
Incident Response

RESEARCH



Ensuring Cyber
Security
Modernization and
Innovation

INTERNATIONAL

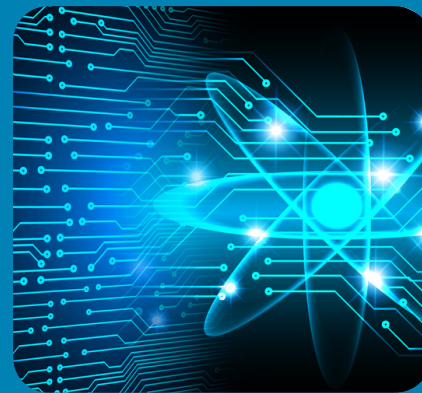


Cooperation &
Collaboration
Guidance
Standards

Developing Technology-Neutral, Graded Cyber Security Requirements for Advanced Reactor Designs



Cyber Security included in
Advanced Reactor
Rulemaking



Graded-approach To Facilitate
Risk-informed Approaches