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NRC RELEASES FINAL DECISIONS ON ALL STRATEGIC ASSESSMENT ISSUES

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has released the entire set of decisions on 16 direction-setting issues (DSIs) which are part of the agency's strategic assessment and rebaselining initiative. Decisions were made in the following areas:

- Oversight of the Department of Energy (DSI 2)
- NRC's Relationship with Agreement States (DSI 4)
- Low-Level Waste (DSI 5)
- High-Level Waste and Spent Fuel (DSI 6)
- Materials/Medical Oversight (DSI 7)
- Decommissioning Non Reactor Facilities (DSI 9)
- Reactor Licensing for Future Applicants (DSI 10)
- Operating Reactor Program Oversight (DSI 11)
- Risk-Informed, Performance-Based Regulation (DSI 12)
- The Role of Industry (DSI 13)
- Public Communications Initiatives (DSI 14)
- International Activities (DSI 20)
- Fees (DSI 21)
- Research (DSI 22)
- Enhancing Regulatory Excellence (DSI 23)
- Power Reactor Decommissioning (DSI 24)

Chairman Shirley Ann Jackson initiated the strategic assessment in 1995 to provide a solid foundation for the agency's direction and decision-making as it positions itself for current and future challenges. The Commission arrived at these decisions after meetings and discussions with the staff and after considering comments received from interested individuals during three public conferences in Washington, D.C., Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Chicago, Illinois.

The agency will use these decisions in developing a strategic plan that will encompass the agency's priorities, mission and goals.

Copies of all decisions are available at NRC's Public Document Room, 2120 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20037, telephone (1-800-397-4209) and electronically on our internet home page (http://www.nrc.gov/NRC/strategy.html)