



GNSSN – Steering Committee Meeting

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US Nuclear Regulatory Commission International Cooperation

- International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
- Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA)
- Multinational Design Evaluation Program (MDEP)
- International Nuclear Regulators Association (INRA)
- International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP)
- Cooperation with other states with established nuclear power programs
- Assistance to other states with new nuclear power programs

Examples of International Cooperation

- Regulatory Information Conference – March of each year
 - Widely attended by international community
- International Regulators Conference on Nuclear Security – December 2012
 - Topics included:
 - The Importance of a Strong, Independent Legal and Regulatory Framework for Security
 - Safety and Security Interface
 - IAEA’s International Physical Protection Advisory Service
 - Design Basis Threat/Threat Assessment

NRC Support for GNSSN

- The NRC has supported, and will continue to support, the GNSSN.
- NRC has a dedicated representative for the GNSSN Steering Committee.
- NRC also supports such GNSSN-affiliated groups: the Regulatory Cooperation Forum, the Technical Support Organization Forum, RegNet, the Asian Nuclear Safety Network, the Arab Network of Nuclear Regulators and the Forum of Nuclear Regulatory Bodies in Africa.
- In 2012 NRC provided a cash contribution to IAEA to support GNSSN-related activities in 2012 and 2013.
- NRC is considering providing an additional cash contribution in 2014, subject to funds availability.

Encouraging Other States to Share Information

- NRC has incorporated the goals and objectives of the GNSSN into ongoing or planned nuclear safety assistance activities.
- NRC has established a website (<http://irdp-online.org>)
 - That contains information on ongoing or planned efforts to assist states considering nuclear power to develop the regulatory infrastructure needed for effective oversight of a nuclear power program.
- NRC has established a comparable website (<http://rsrp-online.org>)
 - That contains information on ongoing or planned efforts to assist countries in enhancing their safety and security regulatory oversight of radioactive sources.
- Developing a website covering ongoing or planned efforts to assist countries in developing the regulatory infrastructure needed for effective oversight of uranium recovery facilities (uranium mining, milling, etc.).

Encouraging Other States to Share Information

- NRC's bilateral international outreach and assistance efforts currently involve over 50 countries.
- NRC also encourages our regulatory counterparts in these countries to share their nuclear safety and security knowledge and experience with their regulatory counterparts.
- NRC has foreign assignee and trainee programs.
 - Assignees from other states work at NRC
 - Trainees from other states take NRC training courses

Transparency and Openness

NRC public website:

- Over 40,000 web pages
- 6.5 million requests in last 30 days
- Over 52,000 PDF files
- Public participation encouraged
- Social media enabled
 - Twitter, YouTube, Blog
- Public document “room”
 - ADAMS documents can be searched by the public
- Multimedia elements
 - Streaming video

Transparency and Openness

Open Government

“The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) views nuclear regulation as the public’s business and, as such, believes it should be transacted as openly and candidly as possible to maintain and enhance the public’s confidence. Ensuring appropriate openness explicitly recognizes that the public must be informed about, and have a reasonable opportunity to participate meaningfully in, the NRC’s regulatory processes.”



The screenshot displays the U.S. NRC website's 'Public Meetings & Involvement' section, specifically the page titled 'The NRC Approach to Open Government'. The page features a navigation menu with categories like 'NUCLEAR REACTORS', 'NUCLEAR MATERIALS', 'RADIOACTIVE WASTE', 'NUCLEAR SECURITY', 'PUBLIC MEETINGS & INVOLVEMENT', 'NRC LIBRARY', and 'ABOUT NRC'. The main content area includes a search bar, a 'REPORT A SAFETY CONCERN' button, and a breadcrumb trail: 'Home > Public Involvement > The NRC Approach to Open Government'. The page title is 'The NRC Approach to Open Government', and the introductory text states: 'As an independent regulatory agency that prides itself on openness, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is pleased to take an active role in President Barack Obama's Open Government Initiative (EO 13526), with its focus on open, accountable, and accessible government. The NRC has a long history of, and commitment to, transparency, participation, and collaboration in our regulatory activities.' A list of key topics is provided, including 'Open Government Philosophy, Plan, and News', 'Transparency', 'Public Participation', 'Collaboration', 'Plain Writing', 'Evaluating Our Progress', 'Share Your Ideas About Open Government', and 'NRC Contacts for Open Government'. Below this, there are sections for 'Selected NRC Information Resources' and 'NRC's High-Value Datasets', each with a list of links to various reports and documents. A sidebar on the right contains a 'KEY TOPICS' section with a graphic for the 'Open Government Plan' and a list of related initiatives such as 'Stakeholder Meeting', 'Flagship Initiative', '.Gov Reform Initiative', 'Web Improvement Plan', 'Streamlining Service Delivery & Customer Service', 'Customer Service Plan', 'Rate Our Datasets & Share Your Successes', and 'Web Conferencing for Public Meetings'.

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