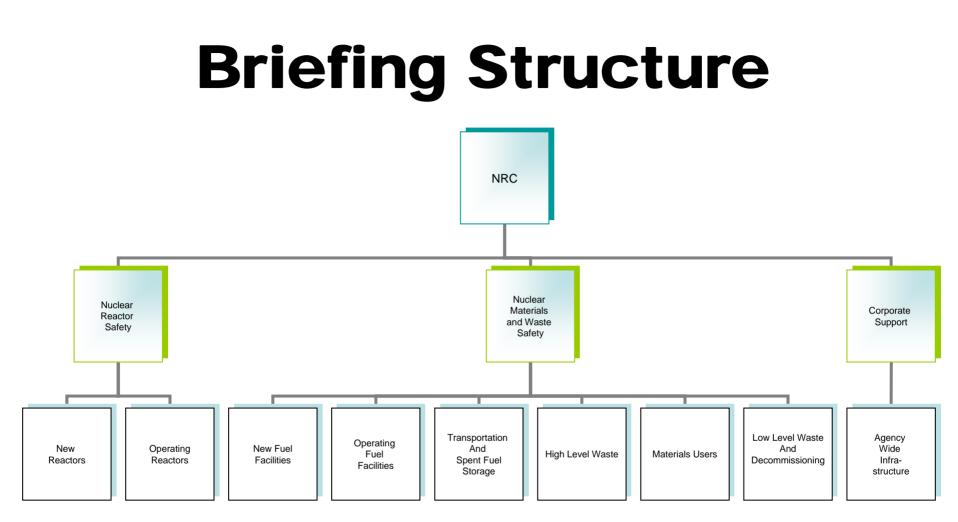


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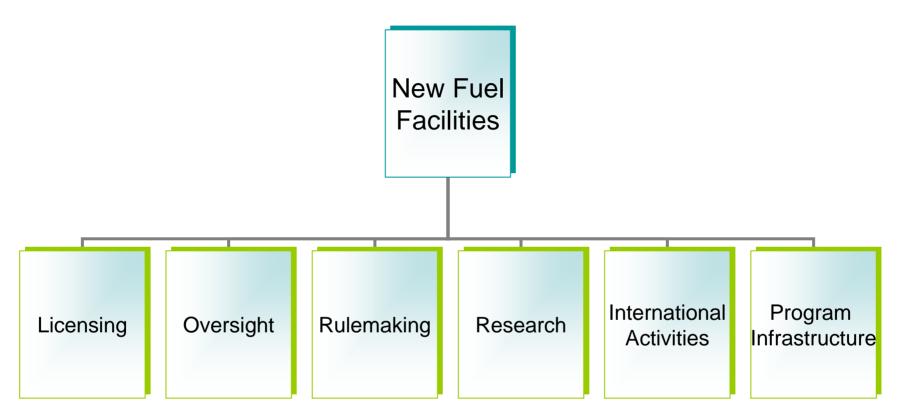
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#### STATE OF THE NUCLEAR MATERIALS AND WASTE SAFETY PROGRAMS

#### BILL BORCHARDT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR OPERATIONS MARCH 16, 2009



#### **Business & Product Lines**



#### AGENDA

Introduction

**New Fuel Facilities** 

**Operating Fuel Facilities** 

Transportation and Spent Fuel Storage

**High Level Waste** 

## **AGENDA (continued)**

Materials Users Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning

## INTRODUCTION

- Arrangement of Briefing
  - Accomplishments
  - Priorities
  - Potential policy issues

#### Introduction

Partner organizations include:

 The Regions, Research, Nuclear Security and Incident Response, the States, and many more Offices

#### MICHAEL F. WEBER DIRECTOR, NMSS

- Accomplishments
  - Ensured the safe development of new facilities by performing thorough and timely licensing and inspection reviews
  - Identified infrastructure needs for new processes

- Priorities for 2009/2010/2011
  - Licensing Reviews & Oversight of New Enrichment Facilities
  - Licensing Decision for MOX FFF
  - Licensing Review for Proposed DU Deconversion Facility

- Potential Policy Issues
  - International Exchange of Enrichment Technology
  - Information Security for Enrichment Facilities
  - Enhancements to Regulatory Framework for Reprocessing

# **Operating Fuel Facilities**

- Accomplishments
  - Maintained Safety through Quality and Timely Licensing Decisions and Oversight
  - Enhanced Security
  - Continued Stakeholder interactions

# **Operating Fuel Facilities**

- Priorities for 2009/2010/2011
  - Licensing & Oversight of facilities
  - Rulemakings
  - Program Enhancements
    - Oversight Process
    - Incident Response
    - Enforcement Policy
    - Qualification Program (IMC 1247)

# **Operating Fuel Facilities**

- Potential Policy Issues
  - Security Rulemakings
  - Part 40 Rulemaking
  - Chemical Security

## Transportation and Spent Fuel Storage

- Accomplishments
  - Maintained safety through quality and timely certification reviews and oversight
  - Completed complex licensing actions
  - Successful Stakeholder interactions

# Transportation and Spent Fuel Storage

- Priorities for 2009/2010/2011
  - -Licensing and Oversight
  - Enhancing Regulatory Framework

## Transportation and Spent Fuel Storage

- Potential Policy Issues
  - Package Performance Study (PPS)
  - Evolving National Strategies for High-Level Waste

# **High-Level Waste**

- Accomplishments
  - Conducting a thorough review of the DOE license application for the High-Level Waste repository
  - Completed infrastructure development

## **High-Level Waste**

- Priorities for 2009/2010/2011
  - Continue Licensing Review
  - Support Hearing Process
  - Review TAD applications
  - Maintain Program Viability

## **High-Level Waste**

- Potential Policy Issue
  - Evolving National Strategies for High-Level Waste

#### CHARLES L. MILLER DIRECTOR, FSME

- Accomplishments
  - Ensured safety, protected environment, enhanced security through materials activities
  - Supported New Agreement States
  - Completed major rulemakings

- Accomplishments (continued)
  - Deployed National Source Tracking System
  - Expanded training for Agreement State reviewers and inspectors

- Priorities for 2009/2010/2011
  - Resolve General License issues
  - CsCl alternatives
  - Facilitate medical isotope production and use

- Priorities for 2009/2010/2011
  - Prepare 2<sup>nd</sup> Energy Policy Act report
  - Continue focus on radioactive materials security issues
  - Develop enhanced security rulemakings (including Part 37)

- Priorities for 2009/2010/2011
  - Implement GAO Action Plan Recommendations
  - Deploy Web Based Licensing
  - Training in support of National Materials Program solutions

- Potential Policy Issues
  - -NSTS Rule Expansion
  - -ICRP 103
  - Regulatory Treatment of Tritium Exit Signs

## Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning

- Accomplishments
  - Enhanced safety through monitoring activities and infrastructure development
  - Completed decommissioning at 8 sites in FY 2008

# Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning

- Priorities for 2009/2010/2011
  - Make sound and timely UR licensing decisions
  - Initiate Part 61 (LLW) revisions
  - Participate in Joint Convention (including knowledge transfer)

## Low-Level Waste and Decommissioning

- Potential Policy Issues
  - Blending/ Low-Level Waste
  - Military Remediation of Radium
  - Limited Work Authorizations
  - -Part 61 (LLW) Revisions
  - -West Valley EIS

#### Conclusions

## Acronyms

- CsCI- Cesium Chloride
- DOE- U.S. Department of Energy
- DU- Depleted Uranium
- EIS- Environmental Impact Statement
- FFF- Fuel Fabrication Facility
- FSME- Office of Federal & State Materials and Environmental Management Programs
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- GAO- U.S. Government Accountability Office
- ICRP- International Commission on Radiological Protection IMC- Inspection Manual Chapter

# **Acronyms (continued)**

- LLW- Low Level Waste
- MOX- Mixed Oxide
- NMSS- Office of Nuclear Material Safety & Safeguards
- NRC- U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- NSTS- National Source Tracking System
- PPS- Package Performance Study
- SRS- Savannah River Site
- TAD- Transportation, Aging, and Disposal Cask
- UR- Uranium Recovery
- US- United States
- WIR- Waste Incidental to Reprocessing