



NRC Update

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NRC Emergency Planning, Preparedness & Response

- NRC is a Safety, Security & Emergency Preparedness (EP) Organization
- Emergency Preparedness Directorate (EPD) Created to Enhance NRC Focus on Integration of Safety, Security & EP
- EPD Relocated to Nuclear Security & Incident Response (NSIR) to Better Coordinate with Response & Security Activities



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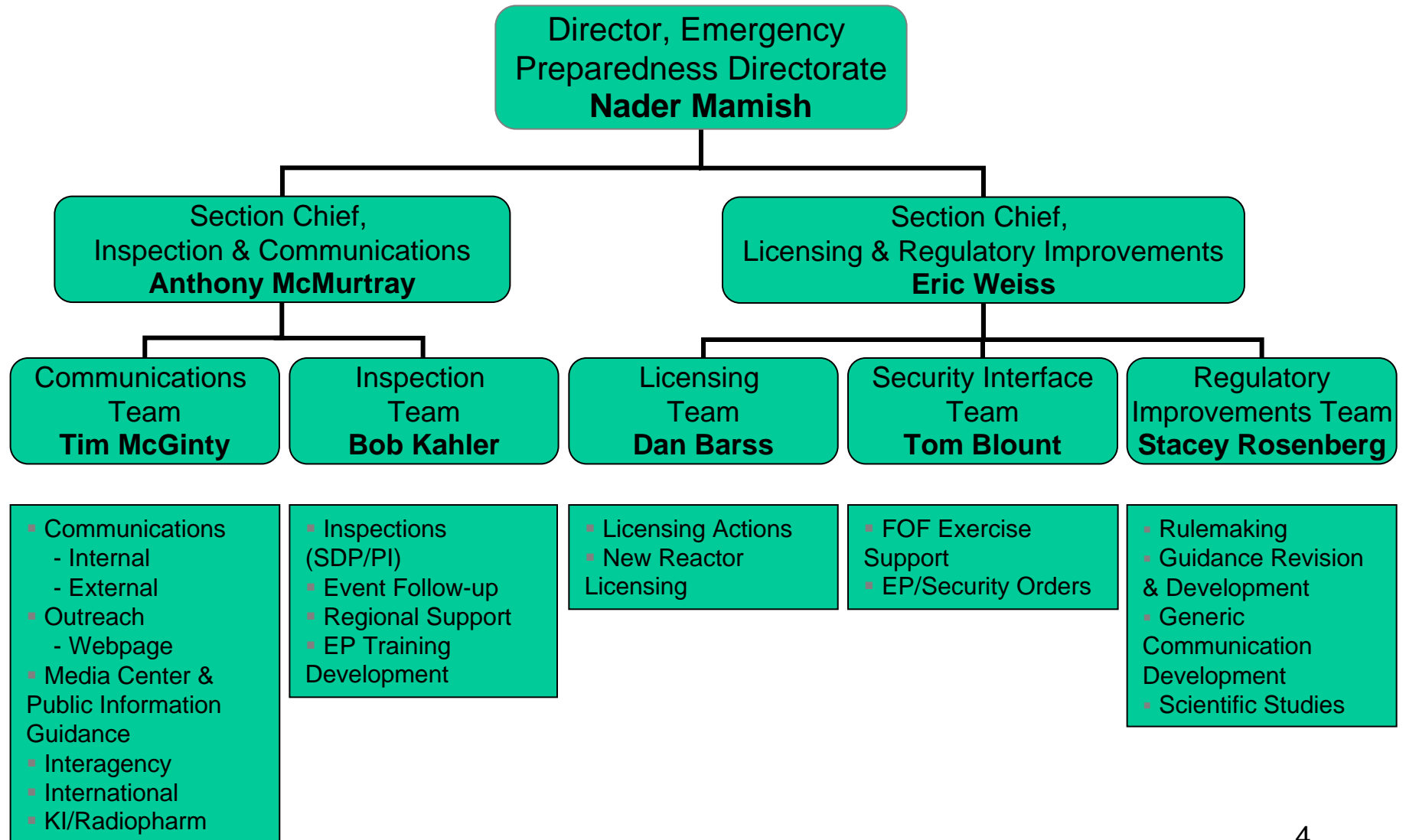
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Security Interface

- **Post-9/11 Changes & Enhancements**
 - **Onsite Changes**
 - **Evaluation of EP Planning Basis**
 - **Force-on-Force Exercises**
 - **Consideration of Aircraft Threat**
 - **EP/Security Communications**



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EP Post-9/11 Environment

- **NRC Recognizes Things Have Changed in Current Threat Environment**
- **Challenges for EP in Post-9/11 World**
 - **Supplemented Design Basis Threat**
 - **Coordination Among Federal Agencies (Including Dept. of Homeland Security & State DHS offices)**
 - **National Response Plan**



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Onsite Changes

- **Alternative Facilities**
- **Onsite Evacuation Routes**
- **Onsite Protective Actions**
- **Staffing Review**



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Evaluation of EP Planning Basis

- **EP Planning Basis for Nuclear Power Reactors Remains Valid**
- **Implementation Can Be Enhanced**



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Force-on-Force Exercises

- **NRC Conducting Force-on-Force Exercises With EP Participation**
 - **Tests EP-Operations-Security Interface**
 - **Exercises Conducted Every 3 Years**
 - **Lessons Learned by Site EP Programs**



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Exercises

- **Security Exercises With EP Component (FOF)**
 - **Significant, But Less Extensive Challenges to EP Interface**
 - **Detailed Demonstration & Rigorous Analysis of Security Challenges**



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Exercises (cont'd)

- **EP Exercises**
 - **Detailed Demonstration & Rigorous Analysis of EP-Operations Challenges Involving Offsite Response Organization (ORO) Participation**
 - **Security Interface Limited; Terrorism Component Not Required**



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Consideration of Aircraft Threat

- **NRC Communications**
- **Operational Issues**
- **Personnel Safety Issues**



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EP Considerations

- **Emergency Declarations**
- **Timing of Events Relative to Notification**
- **Recovery From Potential Plant Damage**
- **Onsite Protective Actions**



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Enhanced Security Emergency Action Levels (EALs)

- Current EAL's Based on Radiological Consequences
- Considering EAL Changes Based on Confirmed Threats
- Current EALs (with exception of security-related EALs) Will Not Be Changed
- Enhanced Security EALs Enable Licensees to Inform States More Quickly of a Threat



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Communications

- **Division of Preparedness & Response (DPR)
Outreach Team**
 - **Enhance Communications & Interactions With Stakeholders**
 - **Improve Working Relationships & Connectivity Through Outreach**
 - **Increase Awareness of Programs, Resources & Activities**
 - **Communicate NRC's Roles, Responsibilities & Capabilities in Emergency Preparedness & Incident Response**



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Communications

- **Categories of Outreach**
 - **Pre/Post-Exercise Outreach**
 - **Meetings With Government Agencies**
 - **Meetings With Industry & Licensees**
 - **Workshops & Conferences**
 - **Public Meetings**
 - **Webpage**
 - **DPR Brochure & Other Public Information Materials**
 - **Media Center & Public Information Guidance**



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Inspection

- **Programmatic Oversight**
- **Reactor Oversight Process (ROP)**
 - **Significance Determination Process (SDP)**
 - **Performance Indicators (PI)**
 - **Baseline Inspections**
- **Event Follow-Up**



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Inspection

- **Restart Criteria & Guidance**
- **Support to NRC Regions in Observing & Evaluating Exercises**
- **Programmatic Support to NRC Regions for Inspection Issues**
- **EP Training Development**



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Licensing

- **Operating Reactor Licensing Actions**
 - **11 Emergency Action Level (EAL) Change Packages Under Review**
 - **2 Combined Emergency Operations Facilities Applications Under Review**
 - **Shift Staffing Changes**
 - **Non-Power Reactor EP Changes**



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Licensing

- **New Reactor Licensing**
 - **Early Site Permits (ESPs)**
 - North Anna, Clinton, Grand Gulf
 - New Applications Expected in 2006
 - **Design Certification**
 - AP1000, ESBWR (June, 2005)
 - **Combined License (COL) Applications**
 - EP Inspections, Tests, Analyses & Acceptance Criteria (ITAAC)
 - COL Application Expected in 2007



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Regulatory Improvements

- **Top-to-Bottom Review of Emergency Preparedness Program**
- **Rulemaking**
- **Regulatory Guides**
- **Generic Communications**
- **NRC-Sponsored Sandia Studies**



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NRC-Sponsored Sandia Studies

- ***NUREG/CR-6864, Identification and Analysis of Factors Affecting Emergency Evacuations, Vols. 1 & 2***
- ***NUREG/CR-6863, Development of Evacuation Time Estimate Studies for Nuclear Power Plants***
- ***Ongoing Study: Review of NUREG-0654, Supplement 3, 'Criteria for Protective Action Recommendations for Severe Accidents'***



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Protective Action Recommendation (PAR) Study

- **Review of NRC PAR Guidance in NUREG-0654, Supplement 3**
- **Review Sheltering-in-Place**
- **Examine Innovative PAR Strategies**
- **Involve States/Local OROs in Evaluation**
- **2-Year Project to Examine Technical Issues**
- **Changes May Be Recommended**



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