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NRC Unveils Look at Four Years of Strategic Planning; Update Includes New Organizational Health and Stakeholder Confidence Goals

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The NRC released today its <u>Strategic Plan for fiscal years 2022–2026</u>, which offers a blueprint for how the agency will plan, implement, and monitor the work needed to ensure the safe and secure use of radioactive materials.

The Strategic Plan for 2022-2026 includes an exclusive new focus on the agency's efforts to continue to foster a healthy organization and inspire stakeholder confidence.

"The Strategic Plan will serve the agency over the next four years by providing a defined roadmap that can be used in budget development and the agency's ongoing implementation of the Foundations for the Evidence Act of 2018," said NRC Chairman Christopher T. Hanson. "This Strategic Plan will also inform agency decision making regarding major new acquisitions, information technology, strategic human capital planning, evaluations, and other evidence-building and evidence-capacity building investments."

Hanson added that the Strategic Plan identifies goals that include essential strategies to ensure that the agency carries out its critical mission with utmost efficiency and effectiveness.

The Strategic Plan is supported by an <u>Evidence-Building Plan</u>, an <u>Annual Evaluation Plan</u>, and a <u>Capacity Assessment</u>, which are new components required by the 2018 Evidence Act. These new components document strategic planning activities and organize evidence-building and evaluation to ensure an integrated and direct connection to evidence needs.

The NRC Strategic Plan explains that the enhanced focus on organizational health is vital to ensure the agency can perform as a modern, risk-informed regulator, prepare for an evolving future, improve performance and "achieve mission excellence in a diverse, inclusive and innovative environment."

The Strategic Plan also notes that the NRC must excel in a manner that inspires stakeholder confidence and public trust. It outlines how the agency will promote transparency, provide opportunities for candid and meaningful public participation, and ensure stakeholders have a meaningful role in agency regulatory processes.