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NRC Publishes Annual Report to Congress on Nuclear Security Inspections

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has made available to the public an unclassified version of its [annual report to Congress](#) detailing the previous year's security inspection program. The report is required under the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

The report covers the NRC's security inspection program, including force-on-force exercises, for commercial nuclear power plants and Category I fuel cycle facilities for calendar year 2012.

"This report describes NRC's efforts to ensure the protection of the nation's nuclear power infrastructure against terrorist attacks," said NRC Chairman Allison Macfarlane. "The NRC is committed to ensuring the nation's commercial nuclear facilities continue to be safe and secure."

During 2012, the NRC conducted 173 baseline security inspections at commercial nuclear power plants and 23 force-on-force inspections, which use a well-trained mock adversary force to test a facility's security posture. These inspections identified 153 findings, of which 146 were of very low security significance and seven were greater than very low security significance. By comparison, there were 217 security inspections (193 baseline and 24 force-on-force) and 151 findings in 2011, of which 140 were of very low security significance and 11 of greater than very low security significance.

Whenever a finding is identified during a security inspection, the NRC ensures the issue is corrected immediately or compensatory measures are put in place, if necessary. Details of security findings are considered sensitive and not released to the public.