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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 (combat simulation) exercises, for commercial nuclear power reactors and Category I fuel cycle facilities for calendar year 2013.

"This report describes the NRC's efforts to oversee the protection of the nation's civilian nuclear power infrastructure," NRC Chairman Allison M. Macfarlane said. "The NRC is committed to ensuring that licensees maintain a robust and rigorous security posture to protect the facilities we regulate and the materials managed within them."

In 2013, the NRC added two new inspections to its security inspection program. The NRC began inspections of licensees' cyber security plans and licensees' preparations to respond to a potential aircraft threat. Overall, the NRC conducted 289 security inspections, including 23 force-on-force inspections, during 2013. The security program and publicly available results of the inspections are discussed in the report.

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.