

Strengthening Our Partnership for the Next 50 Years

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Overview

- **Anniversaries**
- **Historical perspective**
- **50 years of building**
- **Success indicators**
- **Near term challenges**
- **Building for the next 50 years**



Anniversaries



- **September 2009 – Golden Anniversary of the enactment of Atomic Energy Act Section 274**
- **March 2012 – Golden Anniversary of the first agreement with a State (Kentucky)**

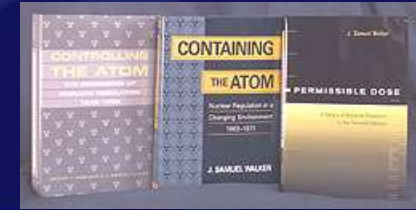


Purposes of Section 274

- **Clarify responsibilities for regulation**
- **Establish programs for cooperation**
- **Promote orderly regulatory pattern**
- **Establish procedures and criteria for discontinuance**
- **Provide for development of standards**
- **Recognize additional legislation may be desirable**



Historical Perspective



- **Uncertainty and controversy about the role of States in 1950s**
- **Balance in controlling the hazards while States lacked resources**
- **Momentum strengthened by perceived AEC fumbling on fallout**
- **Resulted in enactment of section 274 of the AEC**



50 Years of Building

- **High level of safety and security**
 - Demonstrated in operating experience
 - You contributed directly to this success
 - Agreement States now regulate 87% of licensees
 - Positive impacts around the globe
 - Builds on broader State mandate



50 Years of Building – cont'd

- **Effective working relationship**
 - **Healthy communications**
 - **Sharing information**
 - **Respect roles, responsibilities, and authorities**
 - **Work together to achieve solutions**
 - **Commitment to continuous improvement**



Near Term Challenges



- **Medical regulation**
- **Waste disposal and end of life management**
- **Source security**
- **Radiation Source Protection and Security Task Force**
- **Infrastructure improvements**
- **Development and launch of ISMP**
- **Enhancing safety culture**



Coping with Budget Constraints

- **States have been coping with constraints**
- **NRC resources also constrained**
- **Avoid unnecessary “unfunded” mandates**
- **Striking balance – achieve value, avoid overloading, ensure access and involvement**



Building for the Next 50 Years

- **Remaining vigilant for safety and security**
- **Communicating, coordinating, and collaborating**
- **Engaging early, meaningfully, and constructively**
- **Supporting each other**
- **Ensuring qualified staff**



Conclusion

- **What else should we be doing to further strengthen our partnership?**
- **Look forward to hearing your views**

