

Nuclear Sector Coordinating Council

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Mission

The mission of the Nuclear Sector Coordinating Council (NSCC) is to advance the physical and cyber security posture of the nation's commercial nuclear infrastructure in the context of overall national infrastructure protection. This mission will be accomplished through the voluntary interaction of the infrastructure owners and operators with the Nuclear Sector Government Coordinating Council (GCC) as outlined in Homeland Security Presidential Directive 7.

Scope

The Nuclear Sector Coordinating Council (NSCC) consists of members' representative of the nuclear industry and covers the broad interests of nuclear sector security. The scope of the NSCC includes all companies licensed to operate commercial nuclear power plants in the United States, nuclear plant designers, major nuclear architect/engineering firms, fuel supply and fabrication facilities, research reactors, radioisotope manufacturers/suppliers, commercial nuclear waste management and transportation firms, and other organizations and individuals involved in the nuclear industry. Department of Energy (DOE) reactor facilities or other defense uses of nuclear technology are not within the scope of the NSCC.

Primary Objectives

- Serve as the primary liaison between commercial nuclear sector and federal agencies including the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Energy concerning security issues.
- Facilitate sharing of information about physical and cyber threats, vulnerabilities, incidents, and potential protective measures with nuclear sector members.
- Work with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Nuclear Sector Government Coordinating Council (GCC) to harmonize nuclear facility threats with other critical infrastructure threat characteristics.
- Work with DHS and the GCC to develop a plan to seamlessly integrate command, control, and communication handoffs for an integrated response to an actual terrorist event at a nuclear facility.

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- Evaluate interdependencies between critical infrastructure sectors and assess work done by other sector councils regarding best practices.
- Participate in efforts related to the update and revision of the Sector Specific Plan.
- Work with the joint coordinating councils to address any further security enhancements and identify the federal, state, or local resources necessary to achieve those enhancements recognizing that the commercial nuclear energy industry has reached the maximum level of security enhancements that can be expected from a private entity.

Membership and Governance Structure

The Nuclear Sector Coordinating Council exists as an organizational structure. Membership in the Nuclear Sector Coordinating Council is open to any company that is licensed to operate commercial nuclear power plants in the United States, nuclear plant designers, major nuclear architect/engineering firms, and others as identified in the scope of this charter.

Specific NSCC membership will consist of key representatives and senior decision makers involved in nuclear security issues at their respective companies. Makeup of the NSCC will generally conform to the following guidelines:

- Two members from companies owning or operating at least one commercial nuclear power reactor
- One member from owners of fuel manufacturing or fuel fabrication facilities
- One member from manufacturers of nuclear reactors or components
- One member from the research reactor community
- One member from the radioisotope community
- One member from a nuclear waste management or transportation company
- Two members from the Nuclear Energy Institute

The NSCC Chairman will appoint members to the NSCC.

There are no restrictions or limits on the term that a member of the NSCC may serve. Each NSCC member should appoint an alternate to attend meetings and make decisions when the member is not available.

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The Chairman, if present, shall preside over all meetings of the members. A Vice Chairman or Secretariat shall act as Chair in the absence of the Chairman.

The NSCC will function as a consensus-driven body representing the collective interests of the owners and operators of the commercial nuclear infrastructure.

NEI will function as Chairman and Secretariat of the NSCC and will provide support on policy, issue development, new initiatives, best practices, and logistical matters. The Chairman can appoint a member of the NSCC as a Vice Chairman. The Vice Chairman and Secretariat will work with and support the Chairman on an ongoing basis for streamlined functioning of the NSCC. The Secretariat will maintain close contact with the Government Coordinating Council and will help establish a communication mechanism between the councils.

Key Functions

The NSCC will meet at least quarterly to consider policy issues, reports from task forces, or pressing security issues.

Each quarter, the NSCC will be provided with a classified security briefing from DHS. This will allow for a facilitated discussion between the classified briefers and NSCC members.

Sub-Sectors have been established to cover issues relating to security and report out at our quarterly meetings to the NSCC. The three Sub-Sectors are; Cyber Security, Radio Isotope, and Research Test Reactor.

The NSCC will maintain records that contain the Charter, responsibilities, current structure and organization, other policy and procedural documents, etc. It will be reviewed annually and updated as applicable.

Sub-Councils or Working groups may be established to deal with specific security issues requiring research, development, project planning, or other needs of the NSCC. Joint working groups with the GCC shall be utilized whenever possible. Status reports and final work products will be presented to the NSCC for approval and/or further action.

The NSCC will initiate outreach and communication efforts designed to highlight the robust nature of security posture at commercial nuclear facilities within the scope of the NSCC charter, and to educate industry, government, and the public on particular security issues.

The Vice Chairman or Secretariat will report out quarterly to the Nuclear Energy Institutes (NEI) Security Working Group on activities, current events, etc. The Security

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Working Group is chaired by a Chief Nuclear Officer (CNO) and is well represented by all nuclear fleets and single sites in the country.

If safeguards or classified information is discussed at the NSCC meetings, the chairman will ensure that all participants have the appropriate classification level for the information discussed.

Background

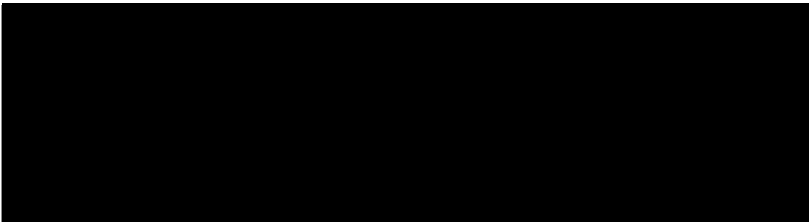
The Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) is the policy development organization for the commercial nuclear industry. All domestic operators of commercial nuclear power plants and fuel processing facilities are members of NEI. Through NEI, the industry can undertake initiatives that commit the entire industry to specific actions.

The commercial nuclear industry is fully committed to providing the necessary security at its facilities. In fact, several evaluations have concluded that nuclear plants have the best security infrastructure of any component in the nation's critical infrastructure or key assets.

Approval

The Nuclear Sector Coordinating Council, as established by the commercial nuclear sector and recognized by the Department of Homeland Security, approves this charter.

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