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Overview of Presentation

- Regulatory approach
- New Regulatory initiatives
- Reform of ARPANSA
- International Atomic Energy Agency Integrated Regulatory Review Follow up Mission to Australia in 2011



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Regulatory approach

- ARPANSA's mission is health protection and protection of the environment
- A key function of ARPANSA is regulatory activities
- Regulation should achieve risk reduction for people and the environment in the use of radiation and nuclear technology by our licence holders
- Risk reduction relates to both the safety and security of sources and facilities



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Compliance

- ARPANSA's approach to compliance is underpinned by the ARPANSA Regulatory Principles:
 - outcome-focused;
 - science-based and risk-informed;
 - consistent;
 - transparent;
 - accountable
 - proportionate; and
 - responsive.



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Regulatory Initiatives

- Transparency project :
 - Compliance Program for 2010-2011 made available on website
 - Inspection reports available on website from January 2011
 - Next steps more regulatory documents and decisions to be made available having regard to limitations on publication
 - such as Security-in-confidence,
 - Commercial-in-confidence; and
 - Personal information



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Reform of ARPANSA

- Reform project has commenced to ensure that ARPANSA is focused on the right priorities and delivering the right outcomes for all of its key clients, in the area of health protection and protection of the environment
- New organisation will emerge from the process – by end February 2011.
- Consultants who are assisting the CEO will design processes to engage with key stakeholders during the reform process.
- Regulation has already been identified as a key service during this process



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IAEA IRRS Mission

- International Atomic Energy Agency Integrated Regulatory Review Follow up Mission to Australia in 2011
- First Mission in 2007 examined ARPANSA regulatory system and its implementation and made recommendations against the IAEA Safety Standards series including
 - Legal and Regulatory
 - Emergency Preparedness
 - Regulatory Management Systems
- IRRS will assess ARPANSA progress in implementing recommendation from the last mission.



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