



# **GAO Work in NRC**

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## Who is GAO?

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- GAO is an oversight agency that works for the Congress
- Independent and Nonpartisan
- Nearly all of our work is conducted either as a result of
  - a request from Congress
  - a law directing GAO to take on specific work
- Most of our work results in recommendations
- Most of GAO recommendations are implemented

## What NRC work has GAO completed?

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- Typically, teams of 2-3 GAO staff will review a specific NRC program by examining the policies, procedures, systems, and other management controls put in place by NRC.
- Recent NRC topics reviewed include:
  - Oversight of Reactor Safety
  - Reactor License Renewal
  - NRC Strategic Planning
  - Advanced Reactors
  - Safety and Security of Spent Fuel
  - Yucca Mountain Licensing and Related Issues
  - Licensing and Security of Radiological Materials



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## GAO Recommendations to NRC

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- Most of our NRC reports contain recommendations to address the key findings of the report.
- We update the status of our prior recommendations at least once a year and publicly report those updates on our website ([www.GAO.gov](http://www.GAO.gov))

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**Recommendations Database**

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Our recommendations help congressional and agency leaders prepare for appropriations and oversight activities, as well as help improve government operations. Moreover, when implemented, some of our priority recommendations can save large amounts of money, help Congress make decisions on major issues, and substantially improve or transform major government programs or agencies, among other benefits.

As of January 21, 2019, there are 4644 open recommendations, of which 383 are priority recommendations. Recommendations remain open until they are designated as Closed-implemented or Closed-not implemented.

**Browse or Search Open Recommendations**

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