



## **US Department of Defense**

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The 2009 Nuclear Posture Review (NPR) will establish U.S. nuclear deterrence policy, strategy, and force posture for the next 5 to 10 years and will provide a basis for the negotiation of a follow-on agreement to the Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty. The Nuclear Posture Review will also satisfy the requirements of the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2008, Sec. 1070 (Public Law 110-181). DoD is preparing now to conduct this review, which will be submitted to Congress in December 2009.

➤ **The NPR will assess:**

- The role of nuclear forces in United States military strategy, planning, and programming
- The policy requirements and objectives for the United States to maintain a safe, reliable, and credible nuclear deterrence posture
- The relationship among United States nuclear deterrence policy, targeting strategy, and arms control objectives
- The role that missile defense capabilities and conventional strike forces play in determining the role and size of nuclear forces
- The levels and composition of the nuclear delivery systems that will be required for implementing the United States national and military strategy, including any plans for replacing or modifying existing systems
- The nuclear weapons complex that will be required for implementing the United States national and military strategy, including any plans to modernize or modify the complex
- The active and inactive nuclear weapons stockpile that will be required for implementing the United States national and military strategy, including any plans for replacing or modifying warheads

➤ **The NPR process embraces a “whole of government” approach. As such, DoD will consult with other U.S. Government departments and agencies and appropriate Congressional committees.**

- The NPR will be led by the Office of the Secretary of Defense and Joint Staff, in direct consultation with the Secretary of Energy and Secretary of State. OSD and Joint Staff leadership will work closely with representatives from the Military Departments and Combatant Commands and across OSD components.
- The NPR will be conducted concurrently with the Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR), the Ballistic Missile Defense Review (BMD), the Space Policy Review, various other interagency reviews, the START-follow on negotiations, and the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty 2010 Review Conference preparations.
- Primary DoD responsibility will reside with the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy and Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.
- The Assistant Secretary of Defense, Global Strategic Affairs will provide overall supervision of day-to-day operations, reporting to the Under Secretary and Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Policy.

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- Day-to-day operation of the review will be directed by the Co-Directors: Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Ballistic Missile Defense Policy and the J-5 Deputy Director for Strategy and Policy.
- Four working groups will be developed and tasked to address the primary issues to be resolved by the NPR:
  - Policy and Strategy Working Group
  - Capabilities, Force Structure and Programs Working Group
  - Nuclear Weapon Stockpile and Infrastructure Working Group
  - International Dimensions Working Group
- The NPR will be submitted to Congress in December 2009 and done so in coordination with the 2010 QDR.
- The NPR will produce an unclassified report as one of its final products.
- Previous NPRs were conducted in 1994 and 2002.