Our mission is our top priority and our people are our top asset. NNSA’s world-class workforce helps ensure the security of our Nation each day.

**Missions**

- Maintain the safety, security, and effectiveness of the U.S. nuclear weapons stockpile through application of unparalleled science, technology, engineering, and manufacturing.
- Respond to nuclear and radiological emergencies in the U.S. and abroad.
- Prevent nuclear weapons proliferation and reduce the threat of nuclear and radiological terrorism around the world.
- Provide the U.S. Navy with militarily effective nuclear propulsion plants and ensure their safe, reliable, and long-lived operation.

**History**

NNSA was established by Congress in 2000 but traces its roots back to the Manhattan Project. After World War II, the Atomic Energy Commission and National Laboratory system were created to oversee future research into atomic science and technology. Today, the Nuclear Security Enterprise consists of more than 50,000 federal and contract employees at labs, plants, and sites nationwide.

**Appropriations (Billions)**

- [2021 Appropriations Table]
  - Naval Reactors
  - Nuclear Nonproliferation
  - Weapons Activities
  - Federal Salaries & Expenses

**Workforce & Infrastructure**

NNSA is a semi-autonomous agency within the U.S. Department of Energy responsible for enhancing national security through the military application of nuclear science.

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