

The background of the slide is a close-up, slightly blurred image of the American flag, showing the stars and stripes. The flag is oriented vertically, with the stars in the upper left and the stripes extending downwards. The colors are vibrant, with a deep blue, bright red, and white. The flag appears to be draped or hanging, with some folds visible.

The Next 50 Years

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Predictions

1970's

- Projections of over 300 nuclear plants by 2000
- Annual, equilibrium fuel cycles
 - 30,000 MWd/mtU discharge burnup
 - 3.0 w/o U-235 feed
- Recycle of Pu and U planned
- Development of standards/specs./regulations for fuel
- Publicly regulated electricity prices
- Nuclear Arms Race

Today

- 103 operating nuclear plants
- 18-24 month fuel cycle
 - 50,000 MWd/mtU discharge burnup
 - 4-5 w/o U-235 feed
- Once-through fuel cycle
- Firm standards/specs./regulations for fuel
- Competition for electrical consumers
- Nuclear Arms Dismantlement

Vision – late 1990's

- License Renewal of Nuclear Power Plants
- Resolution of Spent Nuclear Fuel Debate
- Cures for Cancer and other Diseases
- Realization of Fusion Energy
- Nuclear Propulsion in Space Travel to Mars and Beyond
- New Nuclear Power Plants