

**AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY
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GUIDANCE FOR THE PREPARATION OF POSITION STATEMENTS

- Position Statements represent the ANS official position on issues of policy or technical significance.
- Their intended audiences are policy makers and the general public. The Statements are posted on the ANS web page and are available to ANS members and the public at large.
- The Public Policy Committee (PPC) is responsible for the adequacy of the Position Statements and submits them to the ANS board for approval.
- Subjects in need of Position Statements can be identified by the professional divisions, the PPC, special committees, and the ANS board.
- The Position Statements should be concise. Ideal length is one half-page and should rarely, if ever, exceed one page.
- The Position Statements should state clearly the ANS position and the reasons for it. (The ANS believes...)
- Position Statements are supported by technical papers that provide background information, explain and justify the positions taken, discuss the significance and impact of the positions, and include references as applicable. There is no limit on the length of the technical papers.
- The Position Statements and/or technical papers may reference statements issued by other professional societies.
- Position Statements are developed by the responsible professional divisions or the PPC. The professional divisions are responsible for the accuracy of the technical information in both the technical papers and the Position Statements. The PPC has ultimate responsibility for the Position Statements.
- Position Statements are assigned to the professional division with primary expertise on the subject. On occasion, more than one professional division may be responsible.

- It is expected that the professional divisions will assign a member to interact with the PPC on every Position Statement. Similarly, the PPC will assign a member to act as liaison on every Position Statement with the responsible professional division.
- Professional divisions should advise the PPC when a Position Statement for which they are responsible needs to be amended, updated, replaced or deleted.
- It is the professional divisions responsibility to develop and maintain current the technical papers supporting the Position Statements and for posting them on their web pages.
- The PPC will maintain a list of all Position Statements approved and under development or update, their status, and the professional division responsible.
- On occasion the ANS Executive Committee may prepare and post Issue Papers on issues for which the Society needs to have a position on short notice. The professional divisions with expertise on the subject should develop promptly thereafter Position Papers to replace these Issue Papers. The PPC will give a high priority to these activities.