

Revised Fuel Cycle Oversight Process (RFCOP)

The Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards is implementing a project plan to revise the fuel cycle oversight process with the objective of developing an oversight process with an improved degree of transparency, predictability, objectivity and consistency, using risk-informed and performance based tools. In Staff Requirements Memorandum (SRM) to SECY-11-0140, “Enhancements to the Fuel Cycle Oversight Process” (ADAMS Accession No. ML120050322), the Commission approved the plan to revise the Fuel Cycle Oversight Process. As required in the SRM, the staff issued a publicly-available resource loaded project plan (ADAMS Accession No. ML12167A229) that established timelines and major milestones.

The staff has engaged the public and industry stakeholders at public meetings, and requested public comment on development activities associated with the RFCOP. In addition, the NMSS staff has worked closely with Region II, NRR, NSIR, OE, and NRO staff members to implement the RFCOP project plan.

The RFCOP Project Plan is composed of three phases with the indicated scheduled completion dates:

- Phase I – Corrective Action Program, Issue Characterization, and Inspection Program Improvements (Completed in July 2014)
- Phase II – RFCOP Framework Development (2nd Quarter CY 2018)
- Phase III – Pilot, Lessons Learned and Implementation (3rd Quarter CY 2019)

Steady progress on the RFCOP has been commensurate with the project’s priority.