

Definition of Operable but Degraded

Session 1

- Expectations for timeliness of operability determinations. Group would like more guidance or maybe less restriction on how long the shift manager has to gather the information to support a prompt determination of operability. Current guidance discusses 24 hours and time based on the safety significance of the component, which can be confusing.
- Examples of reasonable expectations of operability. Group would like examples of what should the shift manager or the engineer responsible for the operability determination look for in assuring that you have a reasonable expectation of operability.
- Clarify the meaning of safety functions, specified function and specified safety function.
- Drop the definition of little operability (versus the big "O") for non technical specification related equipment and just used the term functionality. Provide more clarification on this issue too.
- Expand the current flow chart on degraded components to include operability determinations. Provide examples on its use.
- Extent of condition reviews (aggregate assessment or aggregate review). This terminology is not in GL 91-18 but is being floated around the industry as of late. Group would like clarification as to what type of aggregate review needs to be resolves, i.e., how far do you go down the line?
- Threshold on the scope of GL 91-18. Group would like a threshold on what equipment/systems need operability determinations.