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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF END-OF-CYCLE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT MEETING FOR THE COLUMBIA GENERATING STATION

Dear Mr. Parrish:

This refers to the public meeting conducted at the Walkley Room, Energy Northwest Multi-Purpose Facility, on June 21, 2001, between your staff and the NRC. The participants discussed the results of the NRC's end-of-cycle assessment of Columbia Generating Station's performance for the period April 2, 2000, through March 31, 2001.

The NRC presented the overall assessment results that were based on inspection findings and performance indicators. The presentation also included a brief overview of the reactor oversight process.

The attendance list, and the NRC prepared public meeting handouts are enclosed.

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Should you have any questions concerning this matter, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Gregory A. Pick for

William B. Jones, Chief Project Branch E Division of Reactor Projects

Docket No: 50-397 License No: NPF-21 Enclosures: Attendance List NRC End-of-Cycle Assessment Meeting, Columbia Generating Station, June 21,2001 Reactor Oversight Process Annual Assessment Meeting

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Attendance List

<u>Licensee</u>

- S. Oxenford, Plant General Manager
- D. Atkinson, Manager, Engineering
- D. Coleman, Manager, Regulatory Affairs
- L. Dovey, Communications Officer
- D. Feldman, Manager, Operations
- R. Graves, Executive Board Member
- P. Inserra, Manager, Licensing
- C. King, Manager, Design Engineering
- J. Peters, Manager, Radiation Services
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- R. Webring, Vice President, Operations Support
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- J. Melfi, Project Engineer
- J. Moreno, Engineering Associate



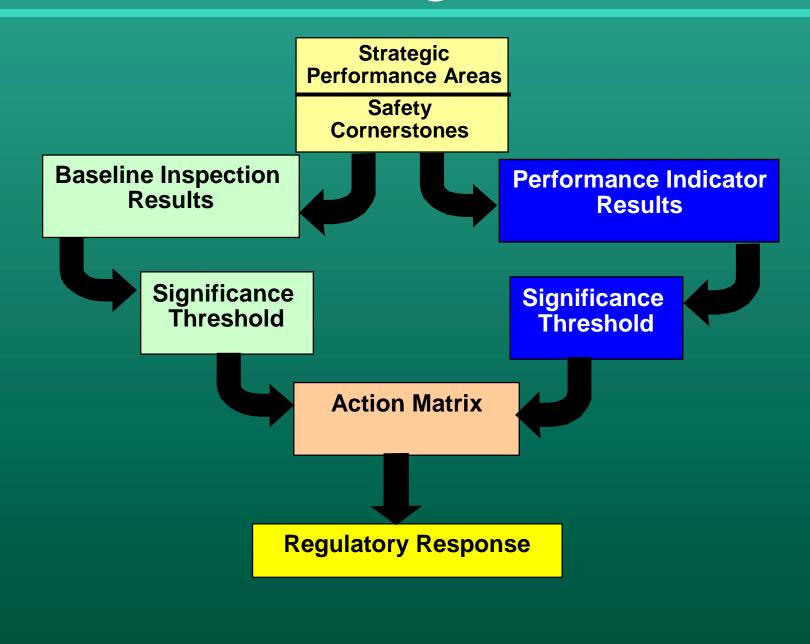
NRC Public Meeting

End of Cycle Assessment Columbia Generating Station June 21, 2001

Agenda

- P Introduction and opening comments NRC
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- POverview of reactor oversight process NRC
- PPresentation of assessment NRC
- P Discussion of assessment NRC and Columbia Generating Station staff
- PClosing remarks NRC
- PClosing remarks Columbia Generating Station PAdjourn

Reactor Oversight Process



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Plant Assessment Results	Lessons Learned Public Workshop	
<mark>NEW</mark> ROP Program Documents	March 26 - 28, 2001 in Gaithersburg, MD Agenda Summary Slides from Closing Session NEW Meeting Summary NEW	
NEW Initial Implementation Evaluation Panel	Federal Register Notice: Request for Public Comment on the First Year of Initial Implementation of the Reactor Oversight Process Role of the Reactor Oversight Process	
ROP "Plain Language" Description Meeting Notices & Summaries	The Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) mission is to ensure adequate protection of the public health and safety and the environment, as it relates to the peaceful use of nuclear materials in the United States. The agency itself does not operate nuclear power plants. Rather, it regulates the operation of the nation's 103 nuclear power plants by establishing regulatory requirements for the design, construction and operation of such plants. The NRC issues licenses for the plants to operate, licenses the plant operators, and establishes plant specific technical specifications for plant operators to follow to ensure that the plants are operated safely within these requirements.	

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PI Summary Inspection Findings Summary	ings Summary Action Matrix Summary Inspection Reports List Cornerstones &PI Home
Alphabetical listing of plants AB C D F G H I K L M N O	New This Quarter
P Q R S T V W Region 1 plants Region 2 plants Region 3 plants Region 4 plants	 New format of Action Matrix Summary Action Matrix Designation on plant performance summaries
	Individual Plant Performance Summaries - Performance
Alphabetical listing of plants:	Information is summarized for each plant and sorted by the seven cornerstones of estery. This information can be viewed by celecting the plant name from the left
	column (organized alphabetically as well as by the region where the plants are
AA Arkansas 1	located). For each plant, the current Action Matrix designation is displayed along with the nerformance indicators (DTc) and a summary of NDC inspection findings
Arkansas 2 ▲B	Links are also provided to NRC assessment letters, inspection plans, and inspection
Beaver Valley 1 Beaver Valley 2 Braidmood 1	reports.
Braidwood 2 Browns Farry 2	Comprehensive Performance Summary Matrices - The
	most recent quarterly performance indicator color designations for all plants are
Brunswick 2 Bvron 1	designations over the previous 4 quarters for all plants is summarized in an
Byron 2	Inspection Findings Summary matrix, Based on the latest applicable performance indicators and inspection findings, the current Action Matrix designation for each
Callaway Calvert Cliffs 1	plant is available in the Action Matrix Summary. The Action Matrix Summary provides
cliffs a 1 a 2	a matrix of the five columns with the plants listed within their applicable column. You can drill down into more detailed information from any of these three summaries.
Clinton Columbia Generating Station Comanche Peak 1 Comanche Peak 2 Cooper (Pilot Plant)	Background – Both PIs and inspection findings are evaluated and given a color designation based on their safety significance. Green inspection findings or PIs indicate a very low risk significance and therefore have little or no immed on safety.
Crystal River 3	White, yellow, or red inspection findings or PIs each, respectively, represent a greater degree of safety significance.

Columbia Generating Station Operating Summary

- P Reduced power operation due to economic dispatch, April and May 2000
- P Reactor trip due to protective relay control circuit failure (June 2000)
- P Planned outage to replace recirculation pump seal, September 2000 (4 days)
- P Reactor trip, condenser drainline failure. September 2000
- POtherwise, essentially full power operation

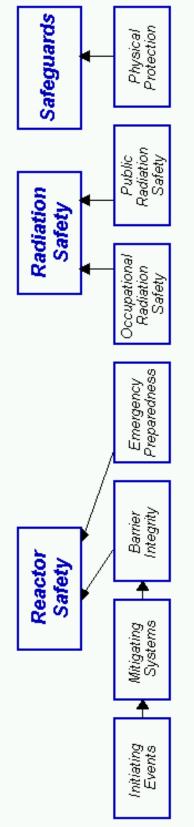
Columbia Generating Station Mid-cycle Assessment

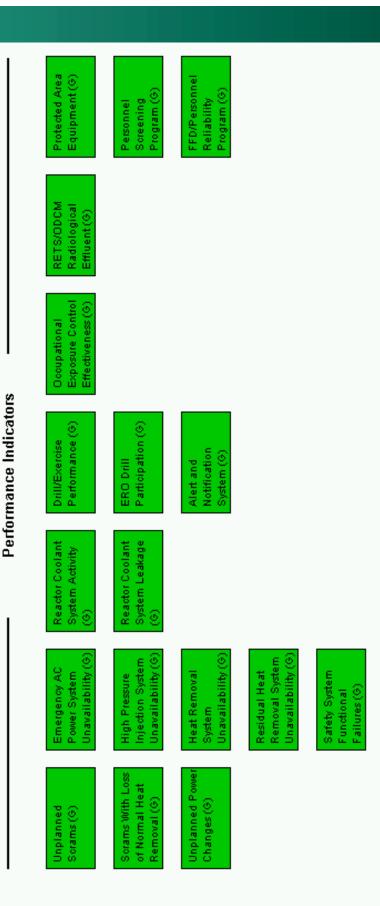
PCompleted November 2000

PLicensee Response Column

- All inspection findings had very low safety significance (Green)
- No performance indicators required additional NRC oversight







Columbia Generating Station Performance Indicators

PPerformance Indicators for the most recent quarter

- All in the licensee response band
- No performance indicators required additional NRC oversight



Columbia Generating Station Inspection Findings

 # Findings very low risk significance
 # All inspection findings in Columbia Generating Station corrective action system

An Action Matrix is used to assess overall plant safety performance and specify thresholds for NRC Enforcement Actions

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R E S	R eg ulato ry P e rform anc e M e e tin g	None	Branch Chief (BC) or Division Director (DD) Meet with Licensee	DD or Regional Administrator (RA) Meet with Licensee	RA (or EDO) Meet with Senior Licensee Management	Commission meeting with Senior Licensee Management
P O N S	Licensee Action	Licensee Corrective Action	Licensee root cause evaluation and corrective action with NRC Oversight	Licensee Self Assessment with NRC Oversight	Licensee Performance Improvement Plan with NRC Oversight	
E	NRC Inspection	R isk-Inform ed Baseline Inspection Program	Baseline and supplemental inspection procedure 95001	Baseline and supplem ental inspection procedure 95002	Baseline and supplemental inspection procedure 95003	
	Regulatory Actions	None	Supplemental inspection only	Supplemental inspection only	-10 CFR 2.204 DFI -10 CFR 50.54(f) Letter - CAL/Order	Order to Modify, Suspend, or Revoke Licensed Activities
C O M U N	Assessment Letters	BC or DD review/sign assessment report (w/ inspection plan)	DD review/sign assessment report (w/ inspection plan)	R A review/sign assessment report (w/ inspection plan)	RA review/sign assessment report (w/ inspection plan) Commission Informed	
N I C A T I O	Annual Public Meeting	SRI or BC Meet with Licensee	BC or DD Meetwith Licensee	RA (or designee) Discuss Performance with Licensee	EDO (or Commission) Discuss Performance with Senior Licensee Management	Commission Meeting with Senior Licensee Management
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Columbia Generating Station Overall Performance

P Preserved public health and safety
P Met all cornerstone objectives
P NRC baseline inspection planned for Columbia Generating Station

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Calvert Cliffs 1	G	w	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	
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Catawba 1	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	G	
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Inspection Finding Summary

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Reactor Oversight Process

Inspection Findings Summary

Plants	Initiating Events	Mitigating Systems	Barrier Integrity	Emergency Preparedness	Occupational Radiation Safety	Public Radiation Safety	Physical Protection	
Davis-Besse	Green	Green	No Findings	No Findings	No Findings	No Findings	No Findings	
Diablo Canyon 1	Green	Green	No Findings	Green	Green	Green	Green	
Diablo Canyon 2	Green	Green	No Findings	Green	Green	Green	Green	
Dresden 2	Green	Green	Green	No Findings	Green	No Findings	Green	
Dresden 3	Green	Green	Green	No Findings	Green	No Findings	Green	
Duane Arnold	Green	Green	No Findings	No Findings	No Findings	No Findings	Green	
Farley 1	Green	Green	No Findings	Green	No Findings	No Findings	No Findings	
Farley 2	Green	Green	No Findings	No Findings	No Findings	No Findings	No Findings	
Fermi 2	No Findings	Green	No Findings	No Findings	No Findings	No Findings	No Findings	
FitzPatrick	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	No Findings	Green	
Fort Calhoun	Green	Green	No Findings	No Colors	Green	No Findings	No Findings	
<u>Ginna</u>	No Findings	Green	Green	No Colors	No Findings	Green	No Findings	
Grand Gulf 1	Green	Green	No Findings	No Findings	Green	No Findings	No Findings	
Harris 1	Green	White (1)	Green	No Findings	No Findings	No Findings	No Findings	
Hatch 1	Green	Green	Green	No Findings	No Findings	No Findings	Green	
Hatch 2	Green	Green	No Findings	No Findings	No Findings	No Findings	No Findings	
Hope Creek 1	No Findings	Green	Green	No Findings	Green	No Findings	No Findings	
Indian Point 2	Red (1)	Green	Green	White (3)	No Colors	No Findings	No Colors	
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Action Matrix Summary

<u>Licensee Response</u> <u>Column</u>	<u>Regulatory Response</u> <u>Column</u>	<u>Degraded Cornerstone</u> <u>Column</u>	<u>Multiple/Repetitive</u> <u>Degraded Cornerstone</u> <u>Column</u>	<u>Unacceptable</u> <u>Performance Column</u>
<u>Arkansas Nuclear 1</u>	Calvert Cliffs 1	Callaway	Indian Point 2	
<u>Arkansas Nuclear 2</u>	<u>Cooper</u>	Kewaunee		
Beaver Valley 1	<u>Fermi 2¹</u>	Millstone 2		
Beaver Valley 2	<u>FitzPatrick</u>			
Braidwood 1	<u>Harris 1²</u>			
Braidwood 2	<u>North Anna 2³</u>			
Browns Ferry 2	Oconee 1			
Browns Ferry 3	Point Beach 1			
Brunswick 1	<u>Prairie Island 1⁴</u>			
Brunswick 2	<u>Prairie Island 2⁵</u>			
Byron 1	<u>Quad Cities 1⁶</u>			
Byron 2	Quad Cities 27			
Calvert Cliffs 2	<u>Summer⁸</u>			
Catawba 1	<u>Susquehanna 1⁹</u>			
Catawba 2	<u>Susquehanna 2¹⁰</u>			
<u>Clinton</u>				
Columbia Generating				
Station				
Comanche Peak 1				

Major Baseline Inspections through May 31, 2002

- P Safety System Design and Performance Capability
 - August 2001
- **PProblem Identification and Resolution**
 - October 2001
- PHeat Exchanger Performance
 - December 2001



NRC Public Meeting

P Closing remarks - Columbia Generating Station
P Closing Remarks - NRC
P Adjourn

REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS ANNUAL ASSESSMENT MEETING

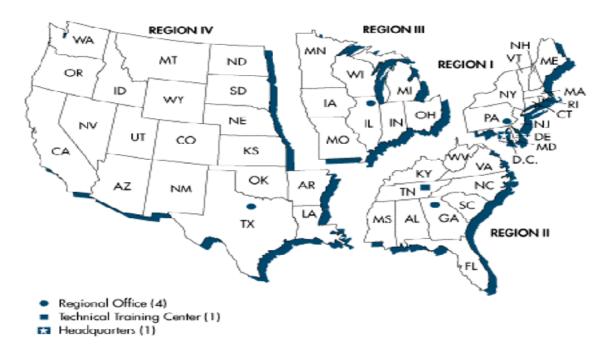


Nuclear Regulatory Commission Region IV

Overview

- Who we are
- Why we are here
- How we inspect and assess plant performance
- Plant performance results
- Questions and Answers

NRC REGIONAL OFFICES

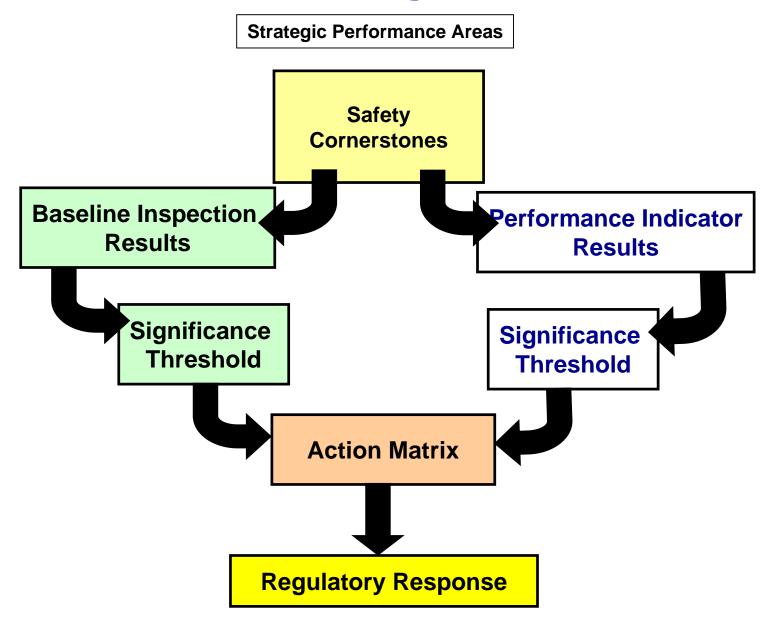


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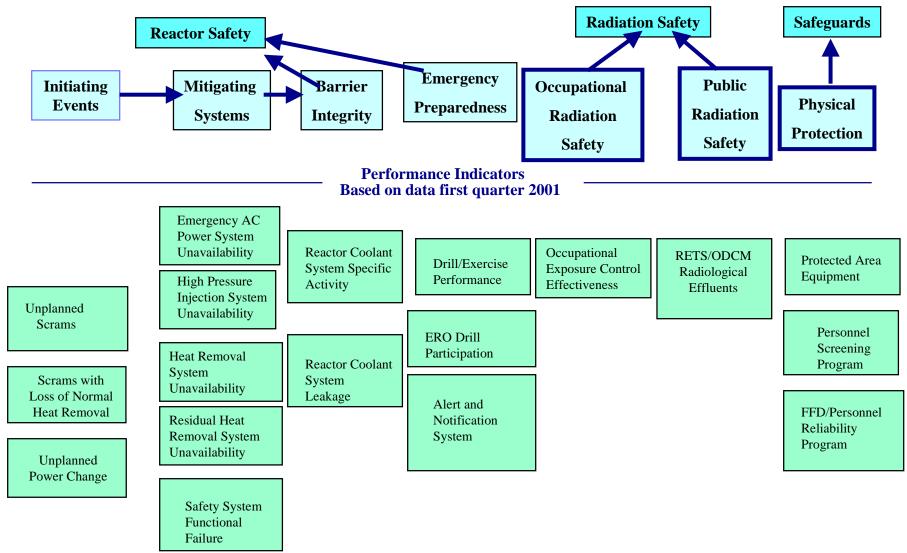
Our Oversight Activities

- Provide assurance plants are operating safely and in accord with the regulations
- Based upon a logical and sound framework
- Uses objective indicators of performance
- Uses inspections focused on key safety areas
- Assessment program triggers regulatory actions

Reactor Oversight Process

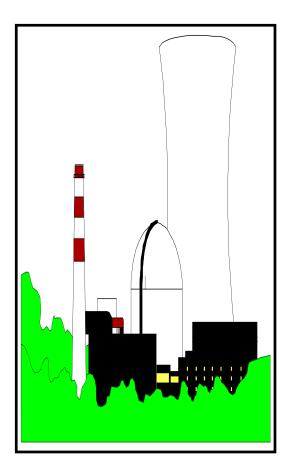


The three <u>Strategic Performance Areas</u> are subdivided into seven <u>Cornerstones</u> which are subdivided into 18 <u>Performance Indicators</u>



NRC Conducts Safety Inspections

NRC resident and regional inspectors utilize a <u>Baseline</u> <u>Inspection Program</u> to monitor plant safety performance in each of the Cornerstone of Safety



Key Aspects of Baseline Inspection Program

- Objective evidence of plant safety
- Conducted at all plants
- Emphases safety significant systems, components, activities, and events
- Monitors licensee effectiveness in finding and fixing safety issues
- Inspection reports describe significant findings and non-compliance
- Inspection reports are publicly accessible

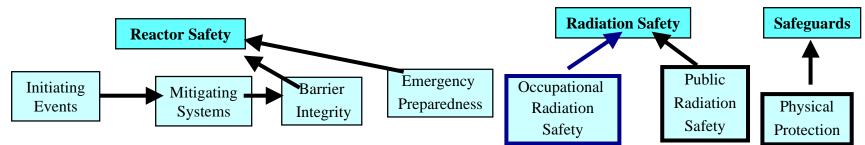
Examples of Baseline Inspections

- Plant safety tours
- Plant control room tours
- Maintenance and alignment of equipment
- Worker radiation protection
- Controls for radiation releases
- Plant security

Event Follow-up and Supplemental Inspection

- Determine causes of performance declines
- Follow-up significant inspection findings
- Review events for significance
- Provides for graduated response

The three <u>Strategic Performance Areas</u> are subdivided into seven <u>Cornerstones</u> which are subdivided into 39 <u>Inspection Procedures</u>



Inspection Procedures

Adverse Weather Evaluation of Changes Equipment Alignment Fire Protection Flood Protection Heat Sink Performance In-service Inspection Operator Requalificaiton Maintenance Rulse Implementation Maintenance Risk

Non-routine Plant Events

Operability Evaluation Operator Workarounds Permanent Plant Modifications Post Maintenance Testing Refueling & Outage Safety System Design **Surveillance Testing Temporary Modifications Reactor Safety-Emergency Preparedness Event Follow-up Performance Indicator** Verification **Problem Identification &** Resolution

Exercise Evaluation Alert and Notification System Emergency Response Organization Augment Emergency Action and Plans Emergency Preparedness

Drill Evaluation

Radiation Safety

Access Control

Occupational

Radiation Monitoring Instrumentation Public Radiation Safety Radiation Effluents Treatment Radiation Transportation Environmental Monitoring Security Access Authorization Security Search Security Response Security Plan Change

Key Aspects of Assessment Program

- Objective assessment of performance
- "Action Matrix" to determine agency response to performance:
 - Inspection level increases
 - Management involvement increases
 - Regulatory actions increase
- Plant specific assessment letters
- Information on NRC public web site

Colorization Scheme for Performance *Indicators* and *Inspection Findings*

PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

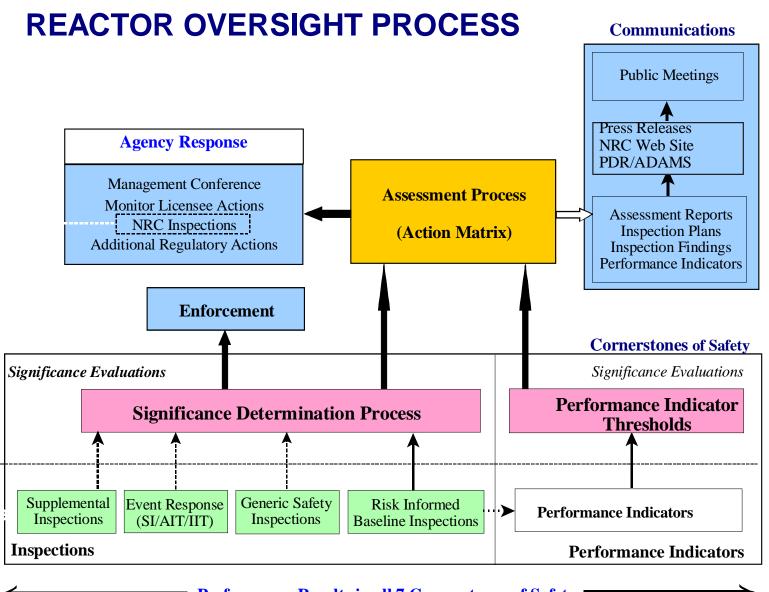
- Green: Performance requiring no NRC oversight beyond Baseline Inspection
- White: Performance may result in increased NRC oversight
- Yellow: Performance that minimally reduces safety margin and requires more NRC oversight
- Red: Performance that represents significant reduction in safety, requires more NRC oversight, but provides adequate protection to public health and safety

INSPECTION FINDINGS

Green:	Very low safety issue
White:	Low to moderate safety issue
Yellow:	Substantial safety issue
Red:	High safety issue

PROTECTION PHYSICAL ----- PROBLEM ----**IDENTIFICATION AND** SAFEGUARDS RESOLUTION OCCUPATIONAL **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY AS A RESULT OF CIVILIAN** PUBLIC **NUCLEAR REACTOR** ----- SAFETY CONSCIOUS WORK -----**OPERATION** RADIATION SAFETY **PREPAREDNESS** EMERGENCY ENVIRONMENT **BARRIER** INTEGRITY REACTOR SAFETY MITIGATION SYSTEMS Overall Safety Mission NRC's PERFORMANCE HUMAN INITIATING EVENTS Performance Strategic Areas Cornerstones

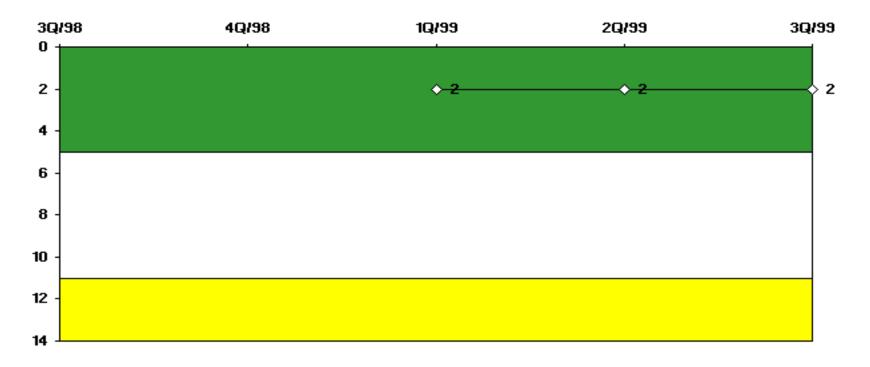
REGULATORY FRAMEWORK



Performance Results in all 7 Cornerstones of Safety

A <u>Performance Indicator</u> uses objective data to monitor performance in each <u>Cornerstone area</u>

Occupational Exposure Control Effectiveness



An <u>Action Matrix</u> is used to assess overall plant safety performance and specify thresholds for NRC <u>Enforcement Actions</u>

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