

NRC REGION III PRESENTATION

AT THE MNTA

MANAGER'S MEETING

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TOPICS

1. STATUS OF OPTIONS 1, 2, 3, & 4
2. CHANGES BEING CONSIDERED TO CURRENT EXAM PROCESS
3. ITEMS OF INTEREST

1 - STATUS OF OPTIONS 1, 2, 3, & 4

- CURRENTLY USING OPTION 1.
- NRC NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO DEVELOP OPTIONS 3 & 4
AND REFINE CURRENT PROCESS.
- OPTION 3 & 4 ON HOLD.
- NRC / INDUSTRY WILL FOCUS ON REFINING THE CURRENT PROCESS.

2 - CHANGES BEING CONSIDERED TO CURRENT EXAM PROCESS

- OPERATING EXAM

CATEGORY A (ADMIN JPMs) WEIGHTED TOO HEAVILY.

NRC CONSIDERING POSSIBLY COMBINING CATEGORY A & B.

DETAILS TO BE DETERMINED.

2 - CHANGES BEING CONSIDERED TO CURRENT EXAM PROCESS (CONTINUED)

- WRITTEN EXAM

WRITTEN EXAM MOST RESOURCE INTENSIVE PART OF EXAM.

LICENSEE'S INDICATE RO/SRO APPLICANTS TRAINING IS THE SAME.

NRC CONSIDERING WAYS TO ADDRESS:

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN RO & SRO KNOWLEDGE

THE RESOURCE BURDEN.

3 - ITEMS OF INTEREST

- 3.a. COMMUNICATIONS WITH RIII MANAGEMENT.
- 3.b. EXAM REVIEW.
- 3.c. RECENT HIGH FAILURE RATES.

3.a - COMMUNICATIONS WITH RIII MANAGEMENT.

- CONTINUE HIGH DEGREE OF COMMUNICATION WITH RIII.
- IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS RELATED TO SCHEDULING, EXAM DEVELOPMENT, REVIEW, ADMINISTRATION, GRADING, INTERFACING WITH YOUR STAFF, OR ANYTHING, PLEASE PROMPTLY CONTACT THE REGIONAL BRANCH CHIEF OR ABOVE.
- THERE HAS BEEN AN EXAMPLE OF ISSUES BEING RAISED TO REGIONAL MANAGEMENT SEVERAL WEEKS OR MONTHS AFTER EXAM.

3.b - EXAM REVIEW

INTERNAL AUDITS IDENTIFIED OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE.

RIII IMPROVING QUALITY OF REVIEW BY CLOSELY FOLLOWING THE EXAM STANDARD.

3.b - EXAM REVIEW (CONTINUED)

AREAS OF RIII FOCUS:

ALTERNATE PATH JPMS - SHOULD BE PROCEDURALLY DRIVEN.

SCENARIO MALFUNCTIONS - SHOULD PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT SYSTEM RESPONSE AND HAVE SUBSTANTIVE AND VERIFIABLE OPERATOR ACTION.

FAILURE TO CORRECTLY RESPOND TO MALFUNCTION SHOULD HAVE A CONSEQUENCE.

QUALITY OF ADMIN JPMS - FAILURE TO CORRECTLY PERFORM THE TASK SHOULD HAVE CONSEQUENCE (BEYOND FAILURE TO FOLLOW PROCEDURES).

3.c - RECENT HIGH FAILURE RATES

- EXAMPLES OF HIGH FAILURE RATES SINCE MID-2000.
- FACILITIES' TRAINING PROGRAM AND NRC LICENSING PROCESS IS A FORM OF DEFENSE IN DEPTH.
- RESULTS OF LICENSEE'S ROOT CAUSE EVALUATIONS
- NRC OBSERVATIONS

SUMMARY

- OPTION 3 & 4 ON HOLD.
- NRC / INDUSTRY WILL FOCUS ON REFINING THE CURRENT PROCESS.
- CHANGES TO OPERATING TEST AND WRITTEN EXAM BEING CONSIDERED.
- CONTINUE HIGH DEGREE OF COMMUNICATION WITH RIII.
- RIII IMPROVING QUALITY OF REVIEW BY CLOSELY FOLLOWING EXAM STANDARD.
- PERFORMANCE ON AUDIT EXAM SIMILAR TO NRC EXAM.
- NRC EXPECTS 100% PASS RATE.