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ADJUDICATIONS STAFF**Reporting and Evaluating Significant Operating Experience.**

The NRC says that it does the following:

Conduct independent analysis and evaluations of safety-significant issues: NRC was directed by the Commission to maintain the former AEOD function of independent review of operating experience. Operating events at power reactors will be reviewed to identify risk-significant interactions, phenomena, and behavior in the design and operation of power reactors that were not previously recognized or analyzed. Review of operating experience provides information that may be needed to make changes to reactor design or operations in order to maintain the current perceived level of reactor safety. The effort provides several functions, including (1) an independent viewpoint on the meaning and significance of operating experience, (2) input to the generic issue program, (3) input to the event follow-up process, and (4) input to the human factors program.

With specific reference to LER 50-458/99-016-00, it does not appear that anyone (industry or the NRC) has accomplished very much. Furthermore, the LER was submitted voluntarily.

It does not appear that ROPs, PIs or any other of the clerical tools have been very effective.

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