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PERSPECTIVES ON THE REACTOR
OVERSIGHT PROCESS

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RESULTS TO DATE

- Process is improved
- Communications are more effective
- Inspection reports focus on areas for improvement and risk significance
- PI's have helped industry focus on important issues



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- Places increased emphasis on problem areas (>GREEN)
- Improving industry trends (e.g. Security and Safety System Availability)



ISSUES AND CONCERNS

- Unhealthy emphasis placed on one WHITE PI or finding
- SDP process is too complex and resource intensive
- PI definitions and implementation are still not agreed on, leading to unnecessary resource expenditures



FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- Improve the availability PI's
- Improve and increase consistency for the Unplanned Power Change PI
- Develop risk informed thresholds
- Reduce inspection hours based on improved performance



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- Improve consistency and simplicity in SDPs to reduce regulatory burden
- Too many new SDPs are under development
- Review changes to SDPs and table-top them with industry/public prior to implementation
- Give inspection credit for licensee self-assessment