

# **RIC 2002**

## **Session TH3**

### **RIII Breakout**

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# Session Topics

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- Inspection Planning
- Notices of Enforcement Discretion
- Significance Determination Process
- Public Meeting Communications

# Inspection Planning (NRC)

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- Annual Regional Inspection Plan Specifies Baseline, Supplemental, and Event Response
- Individual Site Inspection Plans Issued Every 6 Months and Project One Year in Advance
- Site Inspection Plans Will Vary Each Year Due to Team Inspections and Operator Licensing Activities
- Specific Inspection Plans (including selected systems or focus areas) Are Developed Approximately 6 Weeks In Advance

# Notices of Enforcement Discretion (NRC)

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- Part 9900 Guidance Revised 11/01 - “No Net Increase in Radiological Risk”
- Early Communications with NRC Regional Office and Headquarters Critical
- Importance of Accurate and Complete Technical Information for NRC Decision Making
- Follow Through on Commitments for Compensatory Actions is Critical

# Significance Determination Process (NRC)

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- NRC's Goal is Timely, Accurate, and Understandable SDP Evaluations
- Independent Licensee Evaluation of Potentially Significant Findings is Important to the Process
- NRC Working on Tools for Continued Improvement of the SDPs

# Public Meeting Communications (NRC)

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- NRC is Enhancing Public Participation in NRC Meetings as Described in SECY 01-0137 and NRC Press Release 02-010
- Public Participation in End of Cycle Meetings Will Expand Due to Revised NRC Guidance
- Both NRC and Licensee Preparation Should Consider Issues of Potential Public Interest
- EOC Meetings - Encourage Licensees to Provide Their Own Assessment of Plant Performance

# Inspection Planning (Licensee)

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How Can Inspection Planning be Improved?

- Accuracy of Inspection Planning
- Timeliness of Advance Notification
- Reasonableness of NRC Expectations for Response to Information Requests
- Inspection Hours
- Use of Trainees and Observers

# Notices of Enforcement Discretion (Licensee)

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- Common Understanding of “Any Net Increase in Risk”
- Rules of Engagement
- Perceptions of What’s Happening on the Other End of the Phone
- Accurate Communication and Understanding of Compensatory Measures



# Significance Determination Process (Licensee)

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- At Power SDPs (e.g., Mitigating Systems and Barrier Integrity) Work Very Well With Rational and Predictable Results
- Other SDPs Are Subjective and Results Are More Variable
- RIII SRAs Are Very Effective

# Public Meeting Communications (Licensee)

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- What's the Experience?
- Is There a Problem?
- Is the Public Being Adequately Informed of Plant Status or Problems?
- NRC/Utility Credibility With the Public