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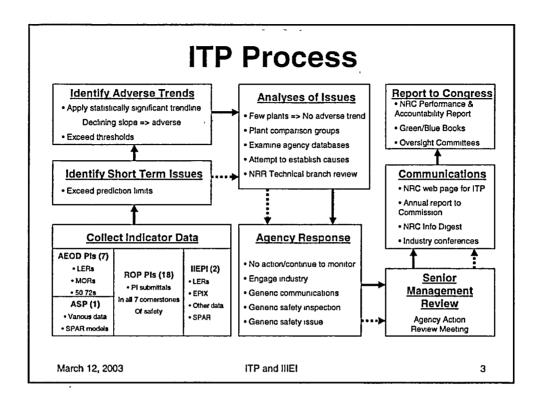
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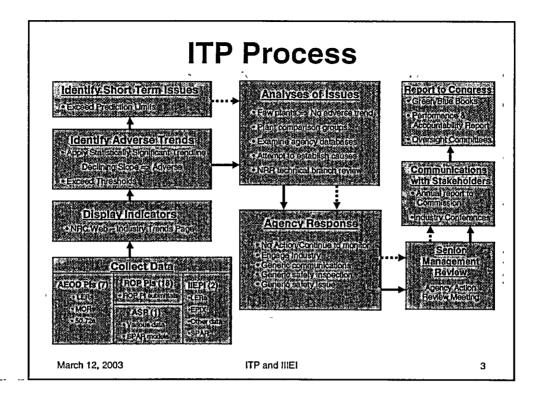
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Integrated Industry Initiating Event Indicator (IIIEI)

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Philosophy

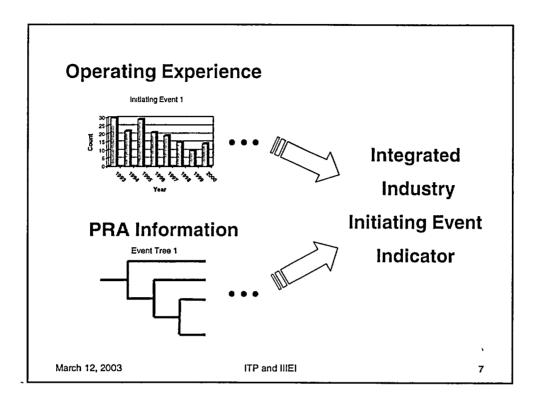
- > Trending individual initiating events does not capture their risk importance
- Mitigating systems performance indicator (MSPI) has provided a way of combining risk information with operating experience
- > MSPI approach can be used for initiating events

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Integrated Industry I.E. Indicator

- > Addresses the first cornerstone of safety (initiating events) from an industry perspective
- > Is complementary to the plant-specific ROP
- > Is related to core damage frequency
- Allows combined trending of frequent and infrequent initiating events with different risk importances
- Does not require any new data be submitted by licensees

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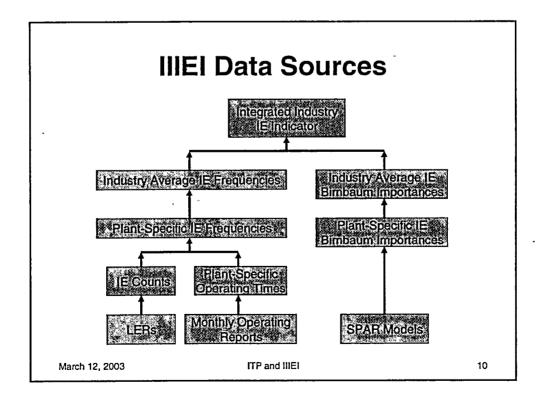
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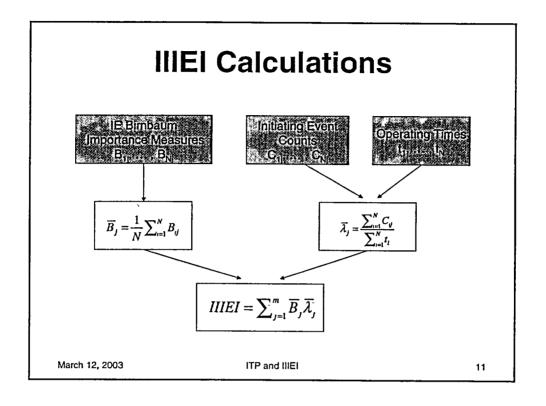
- The IIIEI is the product of the industry initiating event frequency times the associated industry average conditional core damage probability (Birnbaum importance measure) summed over the set of risk important initiating events
- One integrated indicator for BWRs and another for PWRs

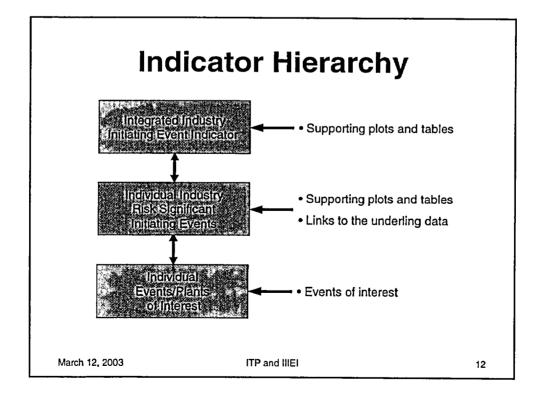
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Thresholds for the IIIEI

- > Thresholds may be established using the following information
 - Safety Goal and/or Regulatory Guide 1.174
 - · Behavior of the integrated indicator
 - Simulations
 - Maximum value -
 - Major contributors
 - · Distributions of the Birnbaum importance measures
 - Past operating experience trends for initiating event
- An expert panel would be established to propose threshold values that satisfy policy and operational needs and objectives

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?? Question ??

Are there any show stoppers with the concept of the Integrated Industry Initiating Event Indicator?

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Plant-Specific I.E. Indicator

- > The same concepts used to develop the IIIEI can also be used to develop plant-specific initiating event indicators
- This can be done without licensees submitting any data
- Some technical issues exist that need to be investigated before the concept is tried

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Technical Questions

- > How many years should be included in the estimation of a trend?
- \rightarrow Should CDF or \triangle CDF form of the indicator be used?
- > What level is appropriate for reporting to Congress?
- What level is appropriate for agency action to an adverse trend?
- > Should some of the PIs be grouped?
- > How does the safety goal influence setting thresholds?
- > Should concepts in Reg. Guide 1.174 be used in setting thresholds?

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Schedule

- > Review of the draft report and comment resolution June 2003
- > Public Workshop July 2003
- > "Proof of Principle" Exercise July 2003
- > Final Report August 2003
- > ACRS Briefing Sept/Oct. 2003
- > Commission Paper January 2004

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