

# **Annual Assessment Meeting Susquehanna Steam Electric Station**

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**Reactor Oversight Program - Year 2002**



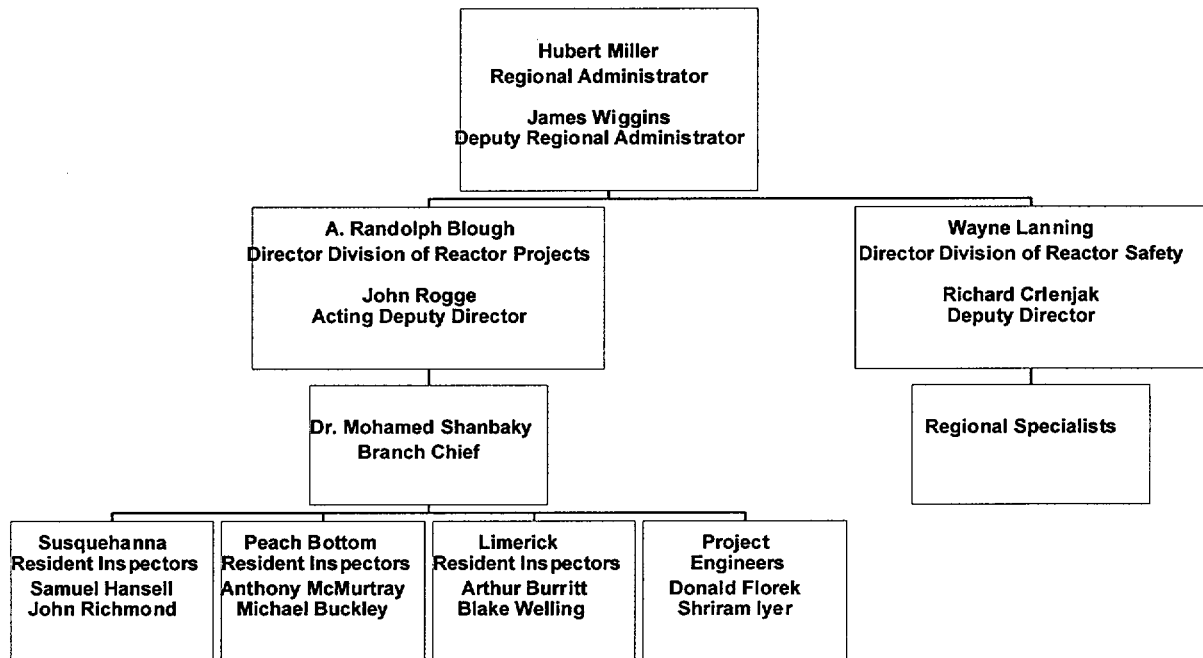
**Nuclear Regulatory Commission - Region I  
King of Prussia, PA**

## **Agenda**



- ▶ **Introduction**
- ▶ **Review of Reactor Oversight Process**
- ▶ **National Summary of Plant Performance**
- ▶ **Discussion of Plant Performance Results**
- ▶ **NRC Security Update**
- ▶ **PPL Response and Remarks**
- ▶ **Break**
- ▶ **Public Comments and Questions**

# Region I Organization



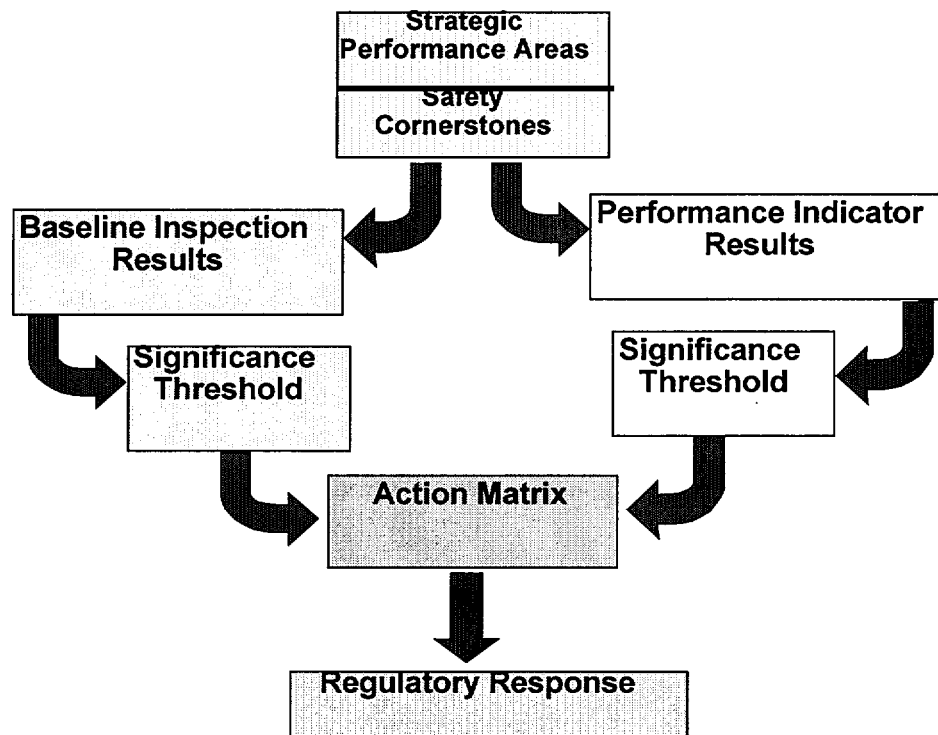
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# Reactor Oversight Process (ROP)



## Examples of Baseline Inspections

- Equipment Alignment ~92 hrs/yr
- Triennial Fire Protection ~200 hrs every 3 yrs
- Operator Response ~125 hrs/yr
- Emergency Preparedness ~80 hrs/yr
- Radiation Release Controls ~100 hrs every 2 yrs
- Worker Radiation Protection ~100 hrs/yr
- Corrective Action Program ~250 hrs every 2 yrs
- Corrective Action Case Reviews ~60 hrs/yr

## Significance Threshold



### Performance Indicators

<b>Green:</b>	Only Baseline Inspection
<b>White:</b>	May increase NRC oversight
<b>Yellow:</b>	Requires more NRC oversight
<b>Red:</b>	Requires more NRC oversight

### Inspection Findings

<b>Green:</b>	Very Low safety issue
<b>White:</b>	Low to moderate safety issue
<b>Yellow:</b>	Substantial safety issue
<b>Red:</b>	High safety issue

## Examples of Performance Indicators

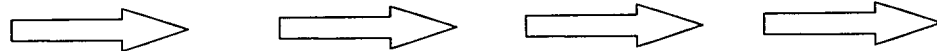


- Scrams with Loss of Normal Heat Removal
  - Unplanned Power Changes
  - Emergency AC Power System Safety System Unavailability
  - Alert and Notification System Reliability
- Performance indicators are the second type of input in the assessment process.

# Action Matrix Concept



Licensee Response	Regulatory Response	Degraded Cornerstone	Multiple/Rep. Degraded Cornerstone	Unacceptable Performance
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Increasing Safety Significance

Increasing NRC Inspection Efforts

Increasing NRC/Licensee Management Involvement

Increasing Regulatory Actions

## National Summary of Plant Performance



### Status at End of ROP Cycle 3

Licensee Response	75
Regulatory Response	24
Degraded Cornerstone	2
Multiple/Repetitive Degraded Cornerstone	1
Unacceptable	0
<b>Total Plants</b>	<b>102</b>

\*Davis-Besse is in IMC 0350 process



# National Summary

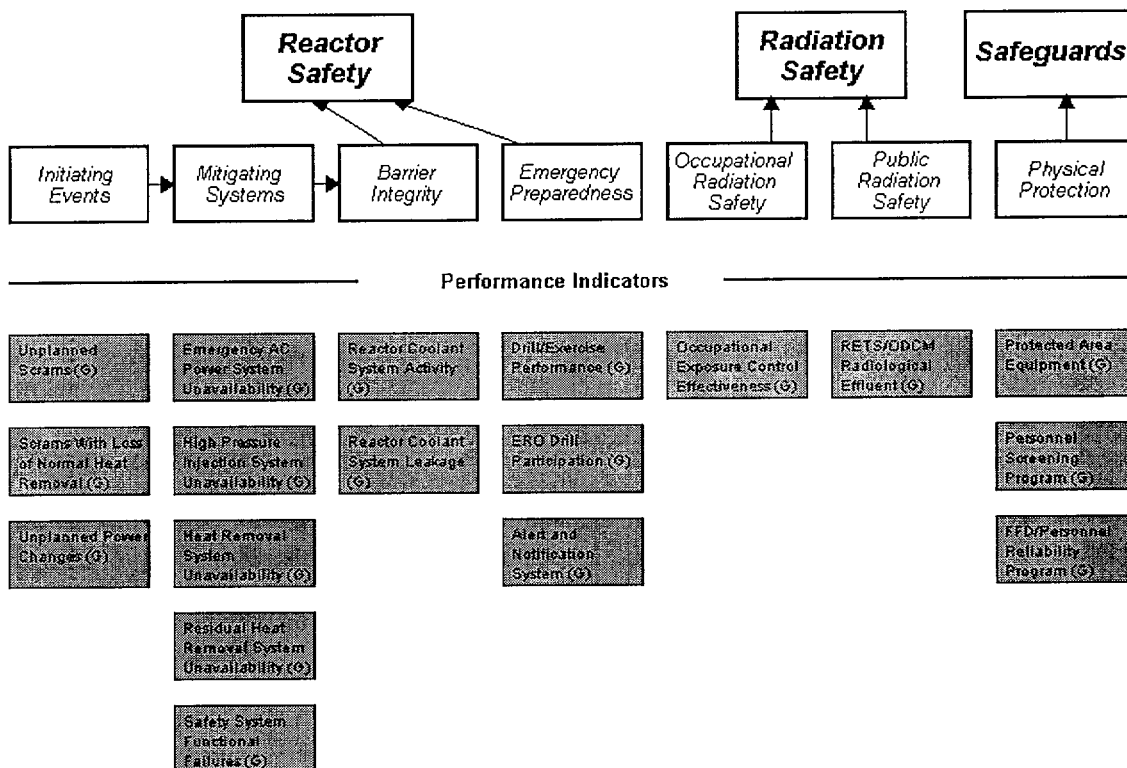
## • Performance Indicator Results (at end of ROP Cycle 3)

- **Green** 1835
- **White** 5
- **Yellow** 0
- **Red** 0

## • Total Inspection Findings (ROP Cycle 3)

- **Green** 783
- **White** 30
- **Yellow** 1
- **Red** 2

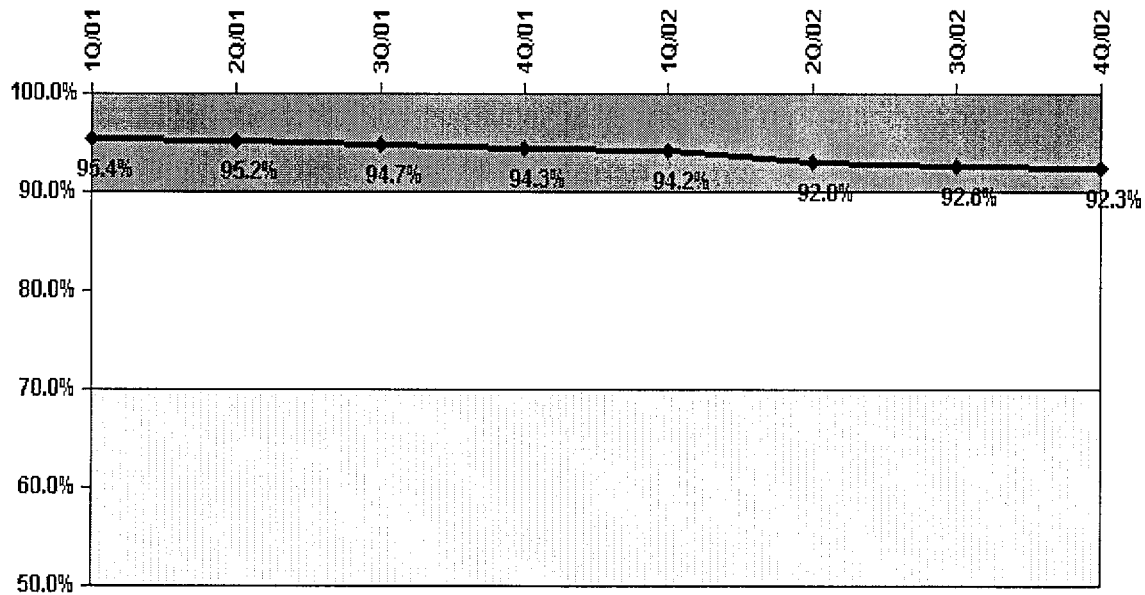
## Susquehanna - Performance Indicators



# Performance Indicator



## Drill/Exercise Performance



Thresholds: White < 90.0% Yellow < 70.0%

## Susquehanna Inspection Activities



(Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2002)

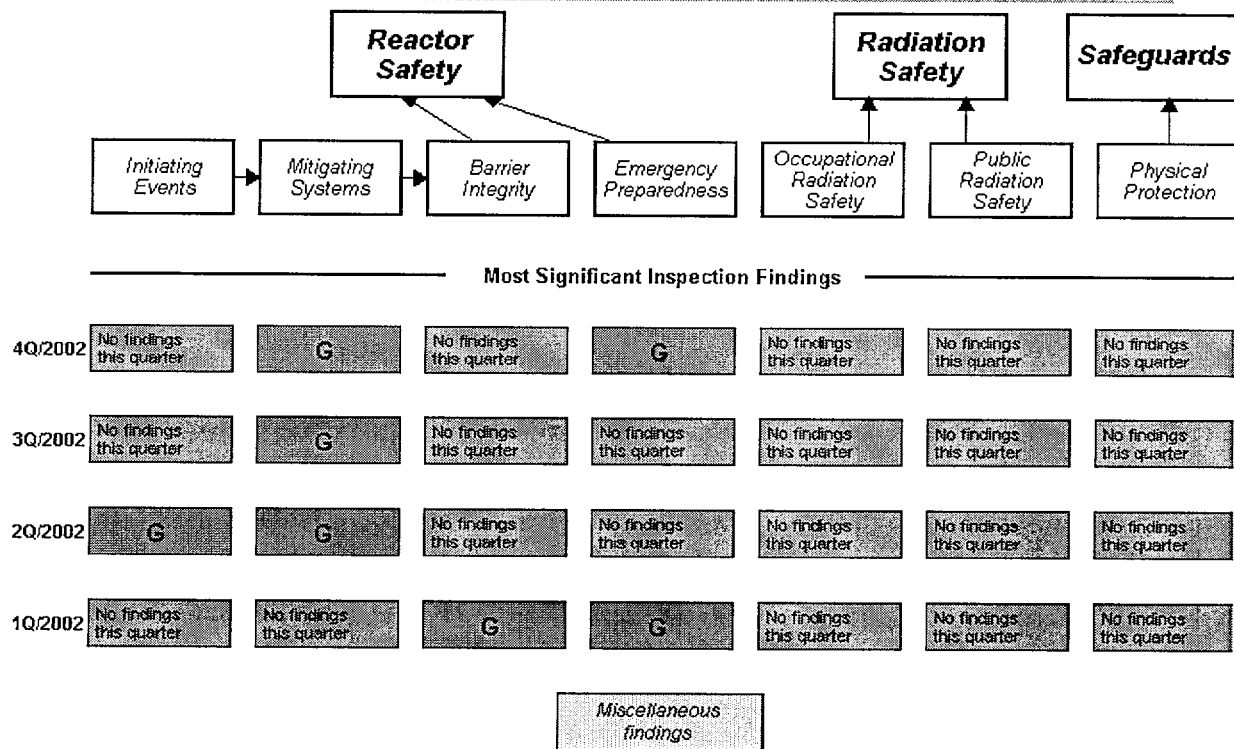
- 3113 hours of inspection related activities
- 2 Resident Inspectors assigned to the site
- 21 Regional Inspector visits
  - ▶ Included 5 team inspections
- Inspection Findings
  - ▶ 16 findings of very low safety significance (Green)

# Strategic Performance Areas & Cornerstones



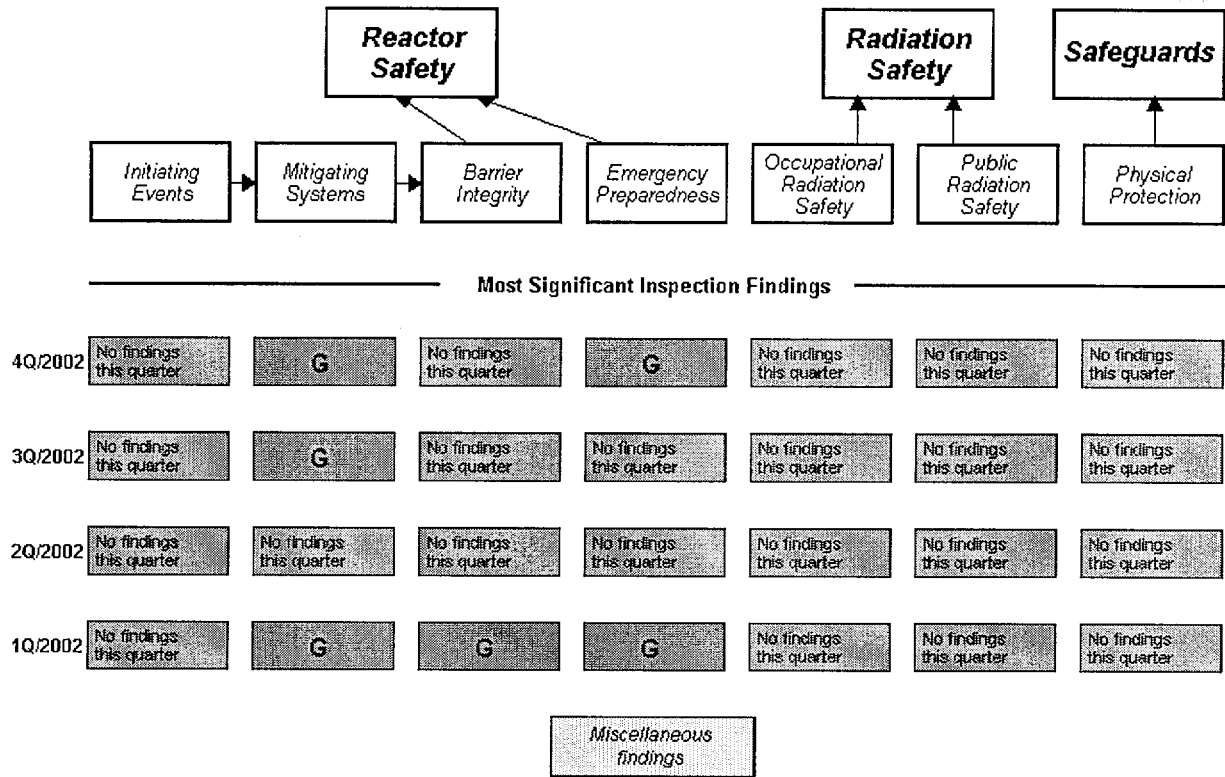
- Reactor Safety
  - Initiating Events (1 Green findings)
  - Mitigating Systems (9 Green findings)
  - Barrier Integrity (2 Green findings)
  - Emergency Preparedness (4 Green findings)
- Radiation Safety
  - Occupational Radiation Safety (No finding)
  - Public Radiation Safety (No findings)
- Safeguards
  - Physical Protection (No findings)

## Susquehanna Unit 1- Inspection Results





# Susquehanna Unit 2- Inspection Results



## Substantive Cross-Cutting Issue



- One Substantive Cross-Cutting Issue
- Common Performance Theme
- Significant Number of Findings (8 Green findings)
- Operator Human Performance Cross-Cutting Area
- Implementation of Procedures
- PPL's Corrective Action

## **Non- SDP Enforcement Action**

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- Severity III Violation - January 13, 2003
- No Civil Penalty
- Certificate of Compliance requires Helium gas
- Dry Cask filled with mixture of Helium gas and Argon gas
- Discovered by PPL
- Corrective Actions
- Actions to prevent recurrence completed

## **Susquehanna Assessment Results Summary (Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2002)**

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- Operated Safely
- Met all Cornerstone objectives
- Currently in "Licensee Response" column of Action Matrix
- Graded in the "Regulatory Response" column of the Action Matrix for first three quarters of 2002
- NRC will conduct Baseline Inspections in 2003

## **NRC Security Program Update**



- NRC has issued Orders (February 2002):
  - Increased Patrols
  - Augmented Security Capabilities
  - Added Barriers and Posts
  - Enhanced Personnel Screening for Access
  - Enhanced Security Awareness
- Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response Formed (April 2002)
- Threat Advisory and Protective Measure System (August 2002):
  - NRC established a five level threat advisory and protective measure system based on Homeland Security Advisory System

## **NRC Security Program Update (continued)**



- Access Authorization Order (January 7, 2003)
- Force-on-Force Exercises (February 2003)
- Training Order (TBD)
- Fatigue Order (TBD)
- Design Basis Threat (TBD)



## Reference Sources

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- Reactor Oversight Process
  - <http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/index.html>
  
- Public Electronic Reading Room
  - <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html>
  
- Public Document Room
  - 1-800-397-4209 (Toll Free)



**NRC Annual Assessment Meeting**  
**March 31, 2003**



# ***PPL Susquehanna Team***

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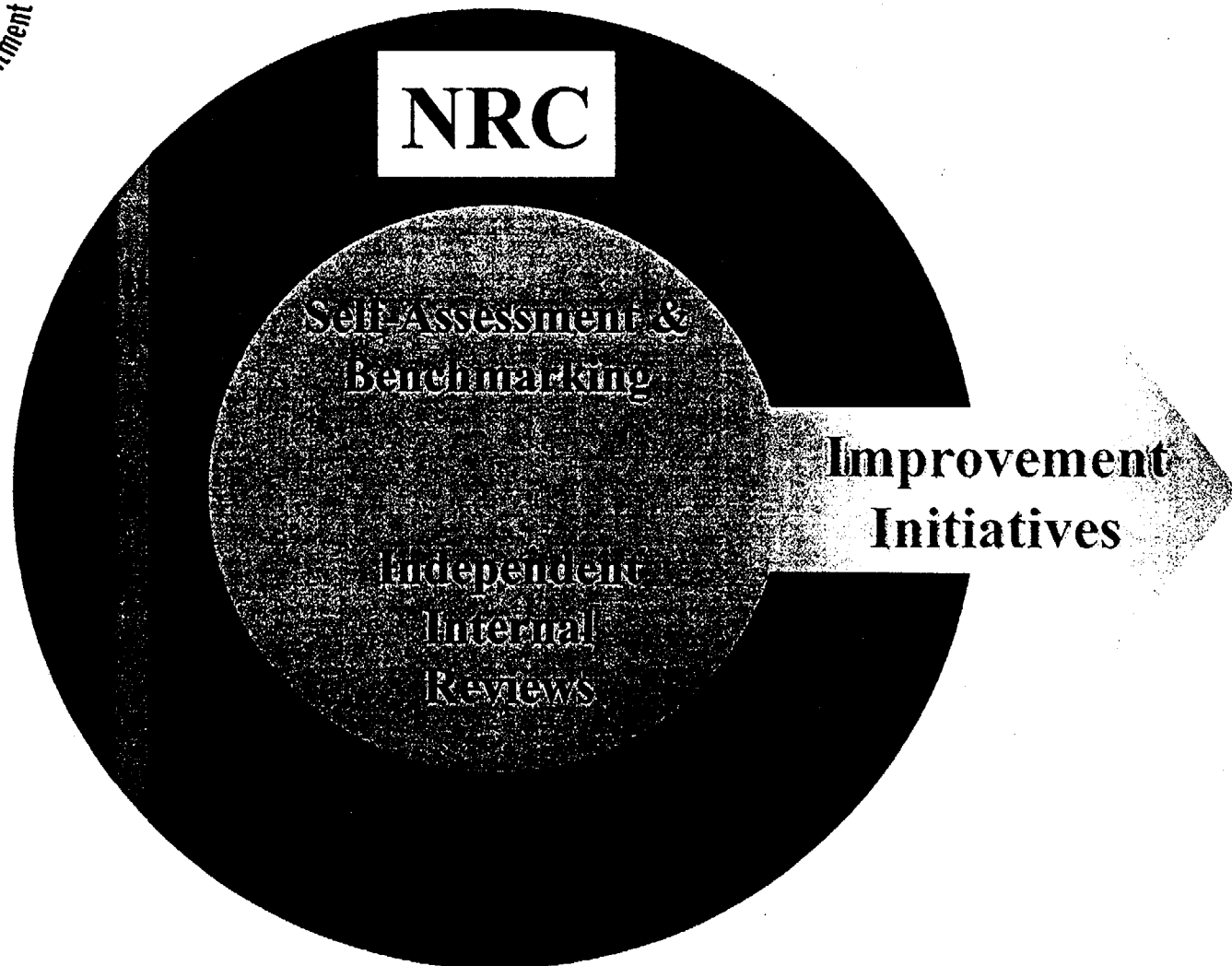


# *Strategic Objectives*

- **Exemplary Safety Performance**
- **Operational Excellence**
- **Excellent Financial Performance**
- **Exceptional Teamwork and Commitment**



# *Continuous Improvement*





PPL Susquehanna

# Road Map to Success

## Operational Focus

- Conduct of Operations
- Corrective Action
- Work Management
- Work Standards
- Training
- Equipment Reliability

## 2003 Improvement Initiatives

- Unit 2 - 11 RIO
- Human Performance
- Radiation Protection
- Work Management
- Regulatory Performance
- Organizational Effectiveness



# ***Emergency Preparedness***

- **We are assuring on-shift staffing meets Plan requirements, resolving the 'White' finding**
- **Timely activation of the Emergency Operations Facility is consistently achieved, resolving a longstanding issue**
- **Drills and actual events demonstrate solid performance, with strong off-site agency support**
- **Additional actions are being taken to achieve excellent performance**
- **Lessons are being extended to other regulatory programs**



## ***Dry Fuel Storage***

- **Use of wrong inert gas was a significant human performance error**
- **Self-identified and reported**
- **No health or safety impacts**
- **Effective corrective actions restored canister to its design configuration**
- **Review identified human performance lessons that are being applied station-wide**



# *Human Performance*

- **An adverse human performance trend was identified with procedure adherence and use**
  - ⇒ self-assessment broadened our understanding of the issue scope
- **We recognize the need to accelerate improvement efforts**
- **Actions in-progress address all aspects of this issue:**
  - ⇒ programmatic improvements
  - ⇒ supervisory oversight
  - ⇒ individual worker focus
- **Our indicators are showing some improvement in Operations performance**



# *Security*

*Changes recognize the new threat environment:*

- ⇒ Physical barriers & detection
- ⇒ Security staffing and training
- ⇒ Access authorization
- ⇒ Interface with government agencies

*NRC and industry are working together on upgraded requirements, integrating Emergency & Security response*



# *Industry Lessons*

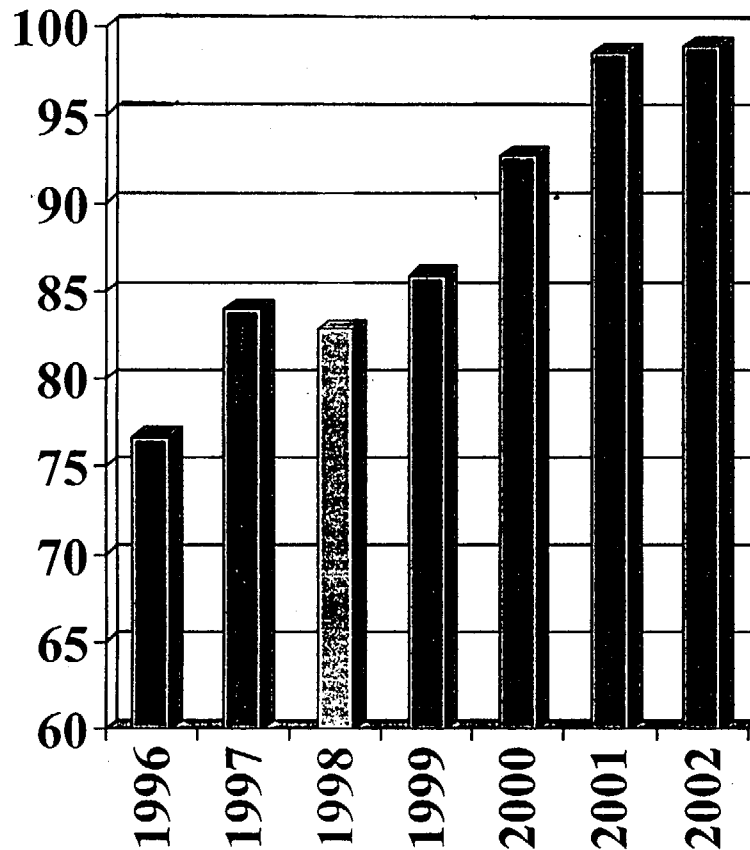
## **Excellent Nuclear Performance Requires:**

- **Leadership & worker commitment to safety**
- **Integration of safety into processes & programs**
- **Strong interface with the NRC, Industry & Public**
- **Rigorous oversight and independent assessment**



# *Station Performance Index*

## Index Parameters



- Safety System Performance
- Fuel Reliability
- Industrial Safety
- Radiation Exposure
- Unplanned Shutdowns
- Chemistry Performance
- Station Availability

