

**DAVIS-BESSE STATION**

**RADIATION PROTECTION  
INSPECTION**

**EXIT MEETING**



U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

April 15, 2003

**NRC EXIT MEETING  
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**PURPOSE OF MEETING**

Present Preliminary NRC Findings and Observations  
From Supplemental Inspection & Effectiveness  
Review of the Radiation Protection Program

# **AGENDA**

- I. Introduction and Opening Remarks
- II. Inspection Purpose and Scope
- III. Presentation of NRC Inspection Results
- IV. Licensee Presentation/Response
- V. NRC Closing Remarks
- VI. Questions From The Public
- VII. Adjourn Meeting

## **NRC REPRESENTATIVES**

Wayne Slawinski, Inspection Team Leader, RIII

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# **PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF INSPECTION**

TWO-FOLD:

1. Supplemental Inspection of Degraded Occupational Radiation Safety Cornerstone Resulting From Two WHITE Performance Issues
2. Independent Radiation Protection Program Effectiveness Review And Assessment of Licensee's Return To Service Plan

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## **RADIATION PROTECTION PROGRAM PERFORMANCE HISTORY**

- Contract Workers Externally and Internally Contaminated While Installing Steam Generator Nozzle Dams in February 2002
- Contamination Attributed to Steam Generator Work at Davis-Besse Identified Off-Site on Clothing in April 2002, Upon Worker Arrivals at Other Nuclear Plants
- NRC Special Inspection in April 2002 Identifies Problems With Radioactive Material Control Due to Inadequate Personnel Surveys
- Licensee Analyses Identify Presence of Transuranic (Alpha Emitting) Radioactive Material in Plant's Isotopic Mix in August 2002
- NRC Special Inspection in September - October 2002 Identifies Problems In Radiological Planning And Execution of Nozzle Dam Work
- Inspection Report No. 50-346/02-16(DRS), Issued January 2003, Documents Two Preliminary WHITE Findings In RP Program

## **RADIATION PROTECTION PROGRAM PERFORMANCE HISTORY**

- Final Significance Determination For Two WHITE Findings And Notice Of Violation Issued in February 2003
- WHITE Findings, 0350 Panel Checklist, And Reactor Head Degradation Preliminary Red Finding Prompts Supplemental Inspection And RP Program Effectiveness Review

## **SUPPLEMENTAL INSPECTION**

### Purpose and Scope:

- Assess Adequacy of the Licensee's Root Cause Evaluation of Two WHITE Performance Issues
- Assure Root and Contributory Causes for Individual and Collective Issues Are Understood
- Assure Extent of Condition of Performance Issues and Implications to Other Licensee Programs/Processes are Understood
- Independently Assess Extent of Condition
- Assure Corrective Actions are Appropriate to Prevent Recurrence



## SUPPLEMENTAL INSPECTION

### Results:

- Root Cause Evaluation Used Industry Recognized Systematic Methodologies and Conducted at the Appropriate Depth
- Identified Root and Contributory Causes
  - Less Than Adequate Management Systems
  - Less Than Adequate Work Direction
  - Procedural, Communication and Training Program Deficiencies (Contributing Causes)
- Extent of Condition Analysis Adequate
  - Licensee Evaluations/Assessments Under Return to Service Plan in Areas Other Than RP Captured Generic Implications of Two WHITE Performance Issues
  - Other Plant Processes and Programs Had Performance Issues Similar to Those in RP
- Planned and Completed Corrective Actions Adequate to Prevent Recurrence

# **RP PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW**

## **Purpose:**

- Independently Evaluate Selected Areas of RP Program to Assess its Effectiveness
- Verify Adequacy of the Licensee's RP Program Assessment (Phase Two Review) and Return to Service Implementing Action Plan

## **Scope:**

- Plant Walkdowns and Radiological Posting/Boundary Observations
- Radioactive Material Control and Unconditional Release Program
- Qualifications and Training of RP Staff & Radworkers
- Radiological Work Planning and Work Execution
- Radiological Environmental Monitoring Program
- Phase Two RP Program Assessment and Recovery Plan

## **RP PROGRAM EFFECTIVENESS REVIEW**

### Results:

- GREEN Finding and Non-Cited Violation for Locked High Radiation Area Access Control Problem (NRC Identified)
- Licensee Identified Violation of Very Low Safety Significance (GREEN) for Inadequate Control of Contaminated Tool
- Procedures Governing Unconditional Release and Radiological Work Planning Processes Lacked Clarity and Consistency
- Radworker Training Deficiency Relative to High Radiation Area “Cocooning” Practices
- Adequacy of Industry Generic Communication (GC) Reviews Mixed, Leading to Missed Opportunities
- Phase Two Program Review Rigorous and Implementing Action Plan Progress Adequate

## OVERALL CONCLUSIONS

- NRC 0350 Panel Restart Checklist Includes Radiation Protection Program Improvements As Necessary Before Restart. Panel to Determine Restart Status of RP Checklist Item Within 30 Days.
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- Licensee's Root Cause Evaluation Adequate. Root and Contributory Causes of Two WHITE Performance Issues Identified.
- Extent of Condition Evaluation Addressed Generic Implications of Performance Problems Given Other Licensee Evaluations Outside Radiation Protection
- Corrective Actions Adequate to Address Root and Contributing Causes so as to Prevent Recurrence
- No New Findings of Significance Identified During Inspection. Progress Made in Improving Radiation Protection Program Satisfactory.



## **NRC CLOSING REMARKS**

### Inspection Report Issuance:

- Inspection Report No. 50-346/03-08(DRS) to be Issued Within 30 Days

### Followup Inspection Activities:

- Monitor Effectiveness of Licensee's Corrective Actions Through Baseline Inspection Program
- Continue Baseline Radiation Specialist Inspection Program Throughout Restart Process and Post Restart
  - May 2003 Inspection of Transportation and Radioactive Waste Processing Programs
  - July 2003 Inspection of ALARA Program and Portions of Instrumentation Program
  - October 2003 Inspection of Access Control, Portions of Instrumentation Program and Performance Indicator Verification