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Improvements in NRC **Regional/Headquarters Interface**

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Improvements in NRC Regional/Headquarters Interface

- Challenge in Processing Potential Fire Protection ROP Findings
 - Licensing basis not adequately considered
 - Overly focused on technical issues
 - Inadequate research of similar enforcement issues
 - TIA Process resulted in several rounds of questions and answers without resolution
- Solution- Proactive Collegial Approach



Improvements in NRC Regional/Headquarters Interface

- Team Working Together Is Important
 - Regions identify significant issues
 - Tech Staff provides technical input
 - Projects is the expert on the licensing basis
 - Projects facilitates the most efficient and effective process
 - OGC provides legal input
 - OE provide enforcement perspective
 - Projects provides coordination, oversight and closure



Improvements in NRC Regional/Headquarters Interface

- If No TIA (Task Interface Assistance) Is Required Then-
 - Straight forward and obvious
 - Answered in previous TIA
 - Does not concern policy
 - Mutually agreed very low safety significance

- Answer by Telephone or E-Mail

- Project Manger should document resolution of draft TIA by memo to file

- If TIA Issued
 - Reflects the collective judgment of the staff

