# **Limerick Annual Assessment Meeting**

Reactor Oversight Program - CY 2003



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## Agenda

- Introduction
- Review of Reactor Oversight Process
- National Summary of Plant Performance
- Discussion of Plant Performance Results
- Exelon Response and Remarks
- Security Updates and Nuclear Industry Deregulation
- NRC Closing Remarks
- Break
- NRC available to address public questions

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#### **NRC Performance Goals**

- Maintain safety and protect the environment
- Enhance public confidence
- Improve effectiveness, efficiency, and realism of processes and decision making
- Reduce unnecessary regulatory burden



## **Examples of Baseline Inspections**

- Equipment Alignment
- Triennial Fire Protection
- Operator Response
- Emergency Preparedness
- Rad Release Controls
- Worker Radiation Protection
- Corrective Action Program
- Corrective Action Case Reviews ~

- $\sim 92 \text{ hrs/yr}$
- ~200 hrs every 3 yrs
- ~125 hrs/yr
- ~80 hrs/yr
- ~100 hrs every 2 yrs
- $\sim \! 100 \ hrs/yr$
- ~250 hrs every 2 yrs
- ~60 hrs/yr

#### **Significance Threshold**

#### **Performance Indicators**

Green:	Only Baseline Inspection
White:	May increase NRC oversight
Yellow:	Requires more NRC oversight
Red:	Requires more NRC oversight
<b>Inspection</b>	Findings
Green: White: Yellow: Red:	Very Low safety issue Low to moderate safety issue Substantial safety issue High safety issue



<b>National Summary</b>	of Plant	Performance
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Licensee Response		
Regulatory Response		
Degraded Cornerstone		
Multiple/Repetitive Degraded Cornerstone		
	0	
Total Units	102*	
	e Degraded Cornerstone Total Units	

#### **Limerick Assessment Results**

- (Jan 1 Dec 31, 2003) Operated safely
- Met all cornerstone objectives
- Graded in the "Licensee Response" column of the Action Matrix for all four quarters of 2003
- NRC will continue to conduct baseline inspections in 2004



## **Limerick Inspection Activities**

(Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2003)

- 4792 hours of inspection related activities
- 2 resident inspectors assigned to the site
- 17 regional inspections
- 3 team inspections
- Inspection Findings
  - 16 findings of very low safety significance



## **Limerick Assessment Summary**

(Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2003)

- Operated safely
- Preserved Public Health and Safety
- Highest Performance Category

#### **Exelon Response and Remarks**

Limerick Nuclear Power Plant Exelon Generation Company

## 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)
- Established Threat Advisory and Protective Measure System (August 2002)

## NRC Security Program Update (continued)

- Access Authorization Order (January 2003)
- Training Order (April 2003)
- Fatigue Order (April 2003)
- Design Basis Threat (April 2003)
- Changes to Site Security plans to incorporate the requirements of the orders (April 2004)
- Expanded Force-on-Force Exercises (in progress)
- New NRC Baseline Inspection Program initiated (February 2004)

## **Nuclear Industry Deregulation**

- Economic Deregulation throughout Region I
- Competition can spur some improvements
  - Work control, planning, coordination
- NRC must watch for any negative impacts
- NRC activities
  - Performance Indicators
  - Corrective Action Program Inspections
  - Maintenance Inspections
  - Modification Inspections
  - Safety Conscious Work Environment Assessment

#### Approaches for Continued Performance Success

#### An NRC Perspective

- Strong corrective action program
  - Continued low threshold for problem identification
- Effective engineering & technical support
- Penetrating internal self-assessments & employee surveys
- Commitment to high standards -- Maintaining a long-term view on resources

#### **Reference Sources**

- <u>Reactor Oversight Process</u>
  - 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)

## **Contacting the NRC**

- Report an emergency
  - ► (301) 816-5100 (call collect)
- Report a safety concern:
  - ▶ (800) 695-7403
  - Allegation@nrc.gov
- General information or questions
  - www.nrc.gov
  - Select "What We Do" for Public Affairs