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SUBJECT: MEETING SUMMARY FOR END-OF-CYCLE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT
FOR DIABLO CANYON POWER PLANT

Dear Mr. Rueger:

This refers to the Category 1 public meeting conducted at the Pacific Gas and Electric Company's Community Center in San Luis Obispo, California, on June 10, 2004. The meeting attendance list and a copy of the slides presented during the meeting are enclosed.

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Sincerely,

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2. NRC Presentation Slides
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ANNUAL ASSESSMENT MEETING WITH PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC



**Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Region IV**

June 10, 2004

NRC Meeting Purpose

- **Meeting with Licensee**
- **Inform Public of Plant Performance**



NRC Meeting Guidelines

- **Registration Table**
- **Feedback Forms**
- **Handouts**
- **Questions and Answers**



Meeting Agenda

- **REGULATORY OVERSIGHT**
- **PLANT SAFETY PERFORMANCE SUMMARY**
- **ADDITIONAL FOCUS AREAS**
- **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

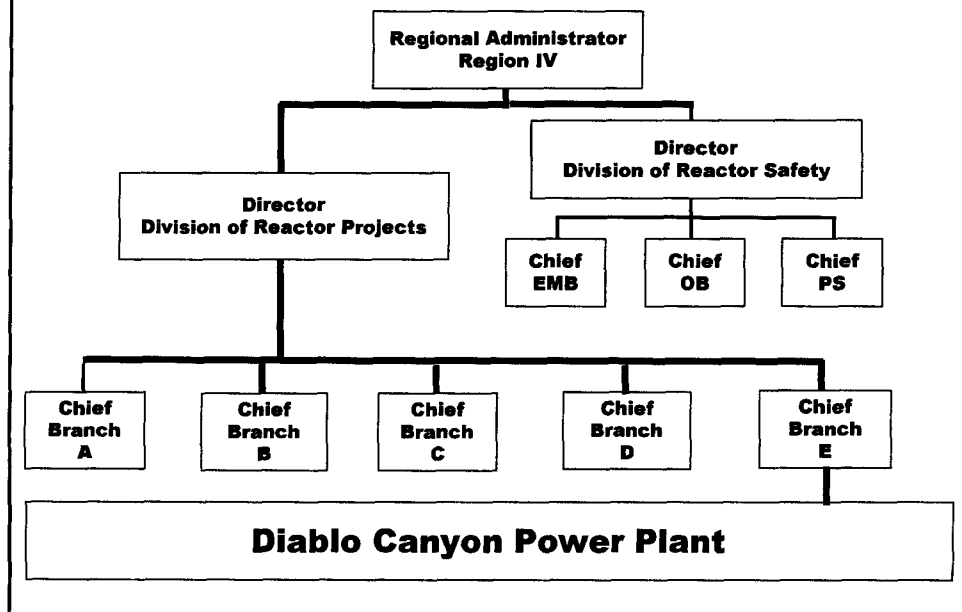


PG&E INTRODUCTIONS

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Regional Organization



NRC PERFORMANCE GOALS

- **Maintain public safety, protect the environment and promote common defense and security**
- **Enhance public confidence**
- **Improve:**
 - **Effectiveness**
 - **Efficiency**
 - **Realism of processes and decision making**
- **Reduce unnecessary regulatory burden**

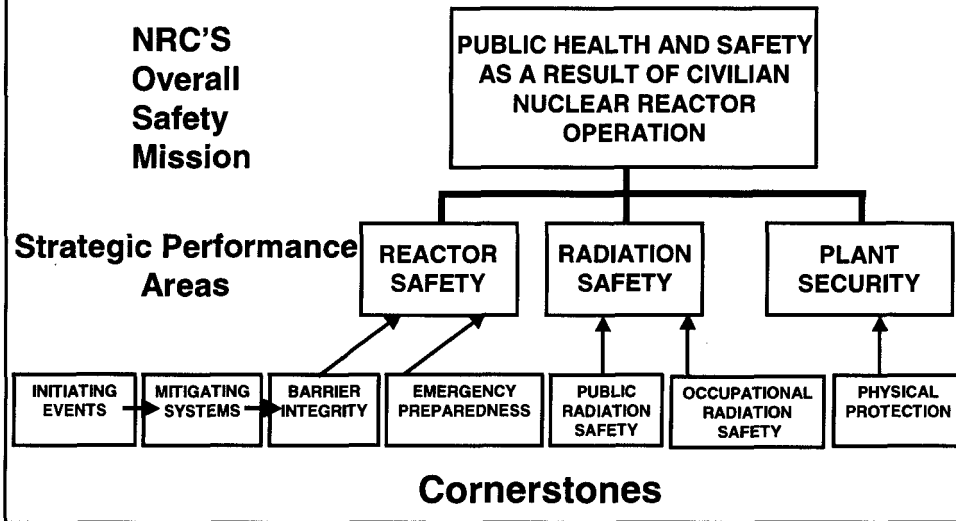


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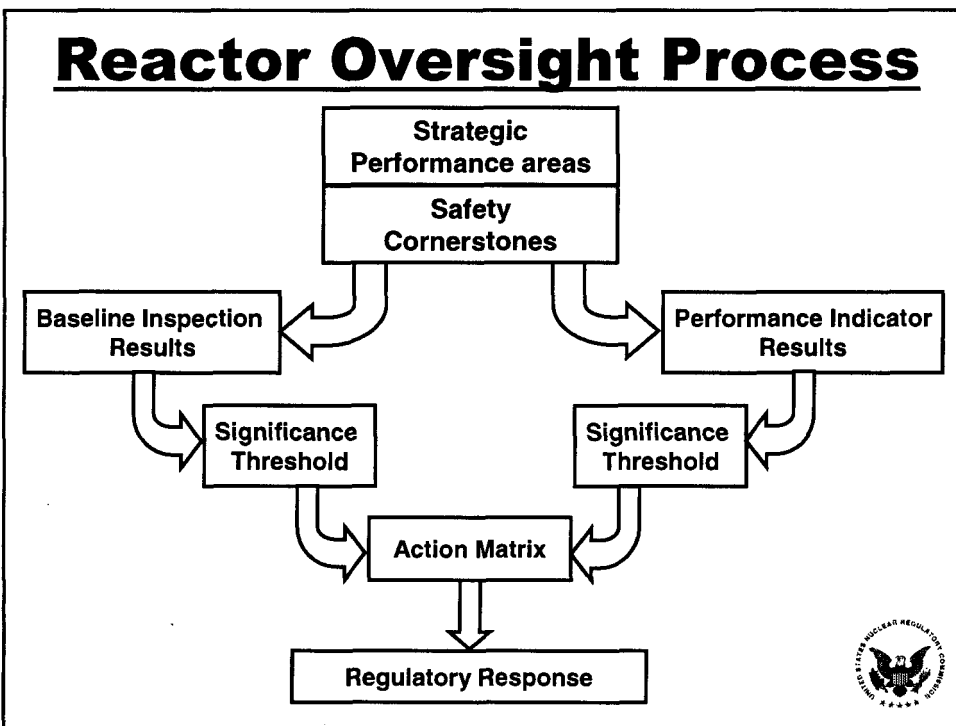
- **Provide assurance plants are:**
 - **Operating safely**
 - **Complying with regulations**
- **Based on a logical and sound framework**
- **Inspections focused on key safety areas**
- **Objective indicators of performance**
- **Assessment program triggers regulatory actions**



Reactor Oversight Process



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Reactor Oversight Process

SAFETY SIGNIFICANCE

GREEN

- very low

WHITE

- low to moderate

YELLOW

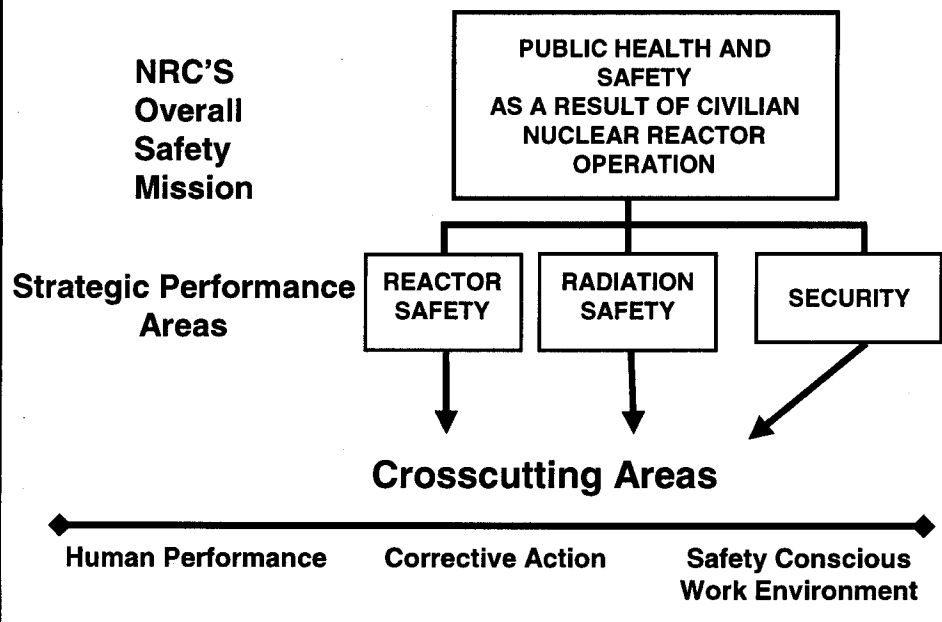
- substantial

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- high



Crosscutting Areas



Baseline Inspection Program

- **Gathers objective evidence of plant safety**
- **Conducted at all plants**
- **Focuses on safety-significant:**
 - **systems**
 - **components**
 - **activities**
 - **events**



Baseline Inspection Program

- **Inspection reports describe significant findings and non-compliance**
- **Inspection reports are publicly accessible**

www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/adams/web-based.html



Event Follow-up and Supplemental Inspections

- **Review events for significance**
- **Follow-up significant inspection findings**
- **Determine causes of performance declines**
- **Provide for graduated response**



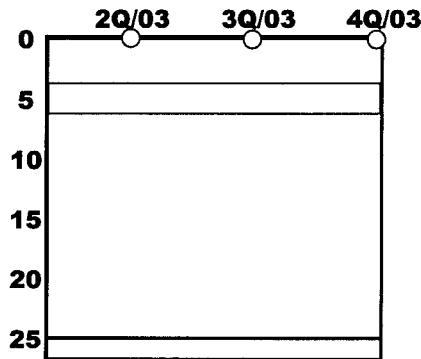
Performance Indicator Program

- **Licensee monitors key safety parameters**
- **Data supplied to NRC quarterly**
- **Regulatory actions based on data**



Performance Indicators

Unplanned Scrams per 7000 critical hours



Thresholds:

White >3.0,

Yellow >6.0,

Red >25.0

Unplanned scrams per 7000 critical hours	2Q/03	3Q/03	4Q/03
Actual scrams	0	0	0
Critical hours	2183	2208	2209
Indicator value	0	0	0

Performance Indicators

- **Performance indicator results and other assessment information available on the NRC's public web site:**

<http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/DIAB>

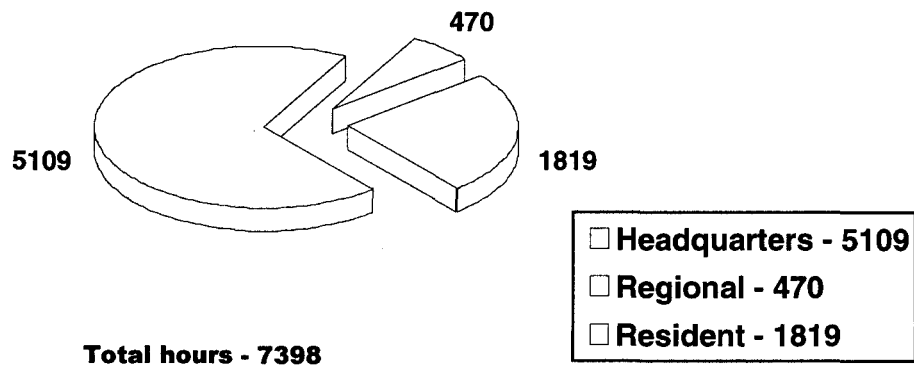


Inspection Effort

- **Resident Inspectors**
 - Stationed at the plant
 - Prompt response capability
- **Regional Inspectors**
 - Specialized
 - Inspection Teams
- **Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation**
 - Review license change requests



Overall NRC Effort



Key Aspects of the Assessment Program

- **Objective review of licensee performance**
- **“Action Matrix” to determine agency response in three areas:**
 - **Inspection**
 - **Management involvement**
 - **Regulatory actions**
- **Plant specific assessment letters**
- **Information on NRC public web site**



ROP Action Matrix Summary for 2003

	Licensee Response	Regulatory	Degraded Cornerstone	Multiple/ Repetitive Degraded Cornerstone	Unacceptable Performance
Nationwide	74	23	2	3	0
Region IV	17	3	0	1	0



Plant Safety Performance Summary



Inspection Results

Two special inspections

NRC and Licensee identified inspection findings were of very low safety significance

All performance indicators were Green

No supplemental inspections necessary

Two substantive cross cutting issues



Special Inspection **Steam Generator Tube Leakage**

- **18 tubes in two steam generators**
- **PG&E responded appropriately**
- **No findings of significance**

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Special Inspection **Battery Charger Failures**

- **Process of identifying, prioritizing, evaluating and correcting the problem was not effective**
- **Troubleshooting not effective at identifying and corrective cause of the failures**
- **Increase in failure rates not assessed**
- **Operability assessment did not address key aspects of charger degradation**

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Substantive Cross Cutting Issues

- **Problem Identification and Resolution**
 - **Extent of condition not fully addressed**
 - **Inadequate corrective action of long standing degraded conditions**
 - **Ineffective corrective action to address industry operating experience**

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Substantive Cross Cutting Issues

- **Human Performance**
 - **Poor procedure quality/failure to follow procedure**
 - **Control of outage activities**
 - **Multiple findings in different cornerstones**

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Performance Indicator Results

**All performance indicators
within the Licensee Control
Band**



National vs Regional Summary CY 2003

	Green	White	Yellow	Red
National Performance Indicator Results (CY 2003)	1828	15	0	0
Regional Performance Indicator Results (CY 2003)	376	2	0	0
	Green	White	Yellow	Red
National Total Inspection Findings (CY 2003)	760	16	2	3
Regional Total Inspection Findings (CY 2003)	177	2	0	0

Assessment Conclusion

Cornerstone objective fully met

Licensee effectively managed:

- Reactor safety
- Radiation safety
- Plant security

**Diablo Canyon Plant was operated in
a manner that protected the health
and safety of the public**



PG&E RESPONSE



Additional Focus Areas

- **Security at Nuclear Power Plants**
- **Recent Industry Issues**
- **Seismic Issues**



Security at Nuclear Power Plants

Nuclear Regulatory Commission:

- **Has expanded involvement with FBI , law enforcement and other intelligence agencies**
- **Communicates frequently with Department of Homeland Security, DOD, FAA, FEMA, and others**
- **Continues to work in concert with:**
 - **Licensees**
 - **State and local officials**



Security at Nuclear Power Plants

Threat Advisory and Protective Measures System:

- **Communicates threats affecting NRC licensees**
- **Corresponds to color-coded Homeland Security Presidential Directive**
- **Identifies specific actions to be taken by NRC licensees for each threat level**



Bulletins

- **2003-01 : Potential Impact of Debris Blockage on Emergency Sump Recirculation at Pressurized Water Reactors**
- **2003-02 : Leakage from Reactor Pressure Vessel Lower Head Penetrations and Reactor Coolant Pressure Boundary Integrity**
- **2003-04 : Rebaseline Data in Nuclear Materials Management & Safeguards System**



Seismic Issues

December 22, 2003 San Simeon Earthquake

- **Three Phased NRC Response**
- **Emergency Sirens**
- **Special Report**
- **Ongoing NRC Activities**

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Conclusions

- **Risk-Informed Programs**
- **Flexible/Predictable Response**
- **Assured Public Safety**



Contacting the NRC

Report an Emergency:

- (301) 816-5100 (collect)

Report a Safety Concern:

- (800) 695-7403 or
- Allegation@nrc.gov

- **General Information or questions:**

- www.nrc.gov



Select "What we do" for Public Affairs

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Questions and Answers

Human Performance Improvements

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Human Performance (HP)

- Overall Conclusions
- Problem Analysis
- Actions Taken
- Results
- Next Steps



HP Overall Conclusions

- The HP crosscutting issue:
 - We took it very seriously,
 - We analyzed our issues using various methods,
 - We took aggressive actions
- HP has improved significantly in the last year to pre-2R11 levels
- DCPD results in the area of HP warrant closure of this crosscutting issue
- Continued improvement is our goal



HP Problem Analysis

- Performed analyses on HP issues (NRC, 2R11, WANO, etc.)
- Analyses included the following causes
 - Procedural Issues
 - Control of Work Activities
 - Personnel (verification activities)
 - Outage Schedule Changes
- Developed action plan utilizing above analyses as the basis for improvements



HP Problem Analysis

- INPO conducted an assist to review our action plan
 - INPO believes that our plan is comprehensive
 - INPO determined that we need a long term strategy for improvement



HP Actions Taken

- Procedural Issues
 - Improved procedure guidance and verification steps in maintenance
 - Raised standard for placekeeping in maintenance
 - Raised standard for use and adherence in operations
 - Improved the quality of some operating procedures



HP Actions Taken

- Control of Work Activities
 - Stronger control of contractor work
 - Management Observation Program enhanced to strengthen ownership by the managers
 - Improved procedure guidance and verification steps in maintenance



HP Actions Taken

- Personnel (verification activities)
 - In-house (Maintenance, Operations, Engineering) staff through HP center in 2003
 - Outage contractors through HP center prior to 1R12
 - Focused management observations on verification activities



HP Actions Taken

- Outage Schedule Changes
 - HP coordinators involved in emergent outage schedule changes
 - Additional training to outage supervision on HP

HP Actions Taken – Outage Performance

- Action plan improvements were focused on the 1R12 refueling outage
- Leadership strategy was to respond strongly to any adverse trends or incidents
- VP and Station Director met daily with key directors and HP personnel to discuss issues and develop actions

HP Actions Taken – Outage Performance

- Examples of 1R12 actions taken to address HP issues:
 - Prevent events tailboards geared to specific organizations
 - Reinforced HP behaviors through observations
 - Recognized good catches
 - HP coordinators involved in emergent schedule changes



HP Results

- No Safety-Significant Errors
- Errors are tracked at 3 levels
 - Level 1 e.g. valve internals installed incorrectly
 - Level 2 e.g. valve mispositioned with little consequence
 - Level 3 e.g. valve position not signed-off in procedure



HP Results

- One Level 1 error in the second-half of 2003
- Half the Level 1 errors year to date (3) vs. the first half of 2003 (6), 5 Level 1 errors in 2R11 vs. 3 in 1R12
- No Level 1 errors in Maintenance or Engineering in the last year
- Approximately 40% reduction in Level 2 error rate in 1R12 vs. 2R11
- More than 50% reduction in NCVs / findings with HP contribution in the last year



HP Results

- Challenges to HP
 - Earthquake Response
 - Storm Response
 - Outage Mid-Loop Operations



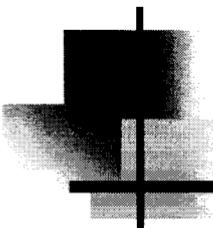
HP Next Steps

- Evaluate outage for lessons learned
 - HP lessons learned entered into the corrective action program
- Revise the HP action plan for the remainder of 2004, and the long-term
- Continue procedure improvements
- HP center activities continue
- A follow-up INPO HP assist visit is scheduled to be performed on-site the week of July 12th



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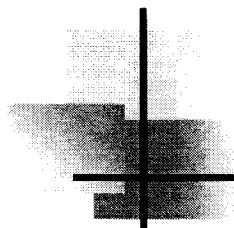


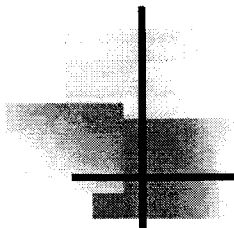
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Problem Identification and Resolution (PI&R)

- We agree with the NRC crosscutting issue in PI&R and take the issue very seriously
- We understand the importance of this program
- Problem has been analyzed and actions taken. We are beginning to see positive results

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- Improvement actions subsequent to our battery charger failures
 - Enhanced the troubleshooting process
 - Developed equipment trending tool
 - Issue expanded by NSOC, Quality Verification, and PG&E Senior Management.
 - Established a Corrective Action Review Board (CARB)
 - Assessed and are correcting, as needed, the quality of cause analysis and corrective actions over last two years

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- We have lowered the threshold for operability determinations
 - Troubleshooting has improved
 - We have seen improved cause analyses, extent of cause, and extent of condition



PI&R Overall Conclusions

- We agree with the NRC crosscutting issue in PI&R and have been aggressive in its resolution.
- We will take whatever actions are necessary to resolve this issue quickly.