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FYI - some interesting reg stuff.

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Some highlights from my Entergy Licensing Managers/RUG IV meeting last week:

- 1) Brad Huston (Acting NSA Director at Waterford) indicated that Bill Campbell feels that declining regulatory performance is the #1 area needing improvement in ENS.
- 2) ANO got a white finding for Appendix R Manual actions. Apparently they had excessive actions, inadequate procedures and NRC felt that they were not considered feasible. There is a new interpretation of App R and the NRC feels that Exemptions are needed. They are issuing NCVs (Green) on the issue.
- 3) ANO also got a 10CFR50.65 (a)(4) finding on not considering external events (fires) in online risk assessments.
- 4) There is an issue with the use of digital cameras by the NRC and the lack of formal guidance to ensure that sensitive information is controlled.
- 5) Pilgrim's union contract is up on 7/13.
- 6) Fitz got an NCV on exam compromise (we already knew details)
- 7) IP indicated that they had the highest number of allegations in Region 1
- 8) IP has a June 8 Graded Exercise and will have a security scenario
- 9) A new security SDP is in the works. NRC has developed a very complicated one and the industry is proposing one based on the EP SDP template.
- 10) Most Entergy plants do not PORC LERS. CRs get PORC review.
- 11) We are going to develop a formal Emerging Licensing Issues Process. ENS had done some benchmarking of leaders and we plan to put in place this year. Should eliminate redundant efforts and provide better management info and focus. All agreed that this was a corporate function with site people taking the technical lead as necessary.
- 12) There is an increase in ALARA findings in Region 4. Basically if you exceed ALARA targets by 50% or 5 Rem you are a candidate. If you stop the job due to changing conditions (scope increase, dose) and re-plan the ALARA controls you will not be cited.
- 13) There is an issue surrounding the adequacy of LHRA controls versus RG 8.38 that plants are being cited for! Basically you need a pretty substantial barrier (6 foot fence). Ropes and lights are not sufficient.

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- 14) The ENS Sites do not want to review Routine Financial Submittals that are made by corporate.
- 15) The NRC rep indicated that Sam Collins indicated that he was planning a workshop in each region to address "Licensing Issues".
- 16) We are developing an action plan to combine the north and south licensing processes by the middle of next year. VY goes live with the ENN ones this June.
- 17) Licensing will not be in ESP and we are developing a plan to use the material developed by the USA group. About 80 hours of training for a person w/o licensing experience.
- 18) John McCann (ENN) and Jerry Burford (ENS) will issue guidance on what should be on Licensing MRM slides.
- 19) A few plants have had problems with the software for security officer OT calculations. Apparently they were counting people that were not working fulltime.
- 20) There is an issue with use of Miles Gear that use blank cartridges. This has been a major issue between Licensees and the NRC in force on force preps.
- 21) NRC: Expect more senior NRC management attention of plant safety issues (Davis B. Fallout)
- 22) Public Meeting on Associated Circuits (Appendix R) Sept 8/9. Moratorium will be lifted in January 2005. NRC expects plants to have plans in place by then. Mentioned NEI 04-06 (NEI Doc on associated circuits).
- 23) Manual Action Rulemaking – Draft in 2004, Final Rule 2006.
- 24) New Fire Protection SDP effective June 2004. NRC is considering a panel to review FP findings (similar to prior 50.59 panel)
- 25) PI&R - Residents now are required to review ALL CRs and develop a trend assessment every 6 months (first one due in June). PI&Rs will go back 5 years on selected topics and selected risk significant system issues and will focus on age related issues (corrosion, erosion, aging equipment, EQ).
- 26) There is an RIS coming on OE. The NRC will be issuing TIs to the residents when they see issues that we supposed to have been addressed by past OE to reassess effectiveness.

Let me know if you want to disc more detail on any issue.

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