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TRAINING: IMC 0609, IMC 0609 App A, IMC 0609 Att 01: Review the change notice and the revised document.

REMARKS: IMC 0609 (Significance Determination Process) has been revised to reflect a concerted effort to provide guidance which will help meet the Commission's guidance on the timeliness for finalizing the significant determination of inspection findings. The revision includes the regional comments on the proposed guidance on how to meet the timeliness goal. The document continues to emphasize the importance of timely issuance of the final SDP result. However, complexity of issues, lack of evaluation tools, lack of expertise, and findings of high safety significance can contribute to delays in finalizing findings. To that affect, new guidance is provided in Section 08.05 of the document on how to approach such findings using the Planning SERP process.

IMC 0609 App A (Determining the Significance of Reactor Inspection Findings for At-Power Situations) has been revised to reflect a concerted effort to provide guidance which will help meet the Commission's guidance on the timeliness for finalizing the significant determination of inspection findings. The revision considers the regional comments on the proposed guidance on how to enhance our capability to meet the timeliness goal using revision 2 of the benchmarked notebooks. The SDP overview section identifies foreseeable infrequent instances when the phase 2 outcome may disagree with the licensee's PRA, and how to proceed. For phase 3 evaluations additional guidance on dealing with external events, interaction with licensees, and the use of available methodologies and evaluation tools is emphasized. Additional detail on finalizing phase 2 and phase 3 evaluations is provided in Attachment 1 to IMC 0609 Appendix A.

IMC 0609 Att 01 (Significance and Enforcement Review Panel Process) has been revised to reflect a concerted effort to provide guidance which will help meet the Commission's guidance on the timeliness for finalizing the significant determination of inspection findings. The revision considers the regional comments on the proposed guidance on how to meet the timeliness

goal. The document reflects the introduction of the Planning SERP as described in IMC 0609 where new guidance on the Planning SERP is detailed. It also allows per Section 2 of the document, that a SERP be re-designated as a Planning SERP and to follow guidance in Section 08.05 of IMC 0609 if the SERP determines that further information and/or analysis is necessary before a finding can be evaluated. A Planning SERP worksheet was added as Exhibit 5.

IMC 0609 Att 02 (Significance and Enforcement Review Panel Process) has been revised to emphasize that the NRC is not obligated to consider new information from the licensee once the final significance determination is made.

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