

Briefing on the Agency Action Review Meeting

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List of Acronyms

- AARM Agency Action Review Meeting
- AFI Area for Improvement
- AO Abnormal Occurrence
- ASP Accident Sequence Precursor
- CAL Confirmatory Action Letter
- CY Calendar Year
- EDO Executive Director for Operations
- FY Fiscal Year
- HP Human Performance
- IMC Inspection Manual Chapter
- IP Inspection Procedure
- MSPI Mitigating Systems Performance Index

List of Acronyms (cont)

- NMED Nuclear Materials Events Database
- NMSS Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards
- OSTP Office of State and Tribal Programs
- Pl Performance Indicator
- PI&R Problem Identification and Resolution
- PRA Probabilistic Risk Assessment
- ROP Reactor Oversight Process
- SC Safety Culture
- SCWE Safety Conscious Work Environment
- SDP Significance Determination Process

Elements of the AARM

- NRC Management Directive 8.14
- Review of agency actions:
 - Significant nuclear material issues and licensee trends (SECY-06-0087)
 - Industry trends (SECY-06-0076)
 - Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) self-assessment (SECY-06-0074)
 - Individual plants per Action Matrix



MATERIALS AND WASTE PROGRAMS PERFORMANCE

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Performance Evaluation Program

 Systematic review of available information to identify significant:
 Operational performance trends
 Licensee performance issues
 NRC program issues/gaps

Performance Criteria

- Strategic Outcomes
- Performance/Precursor Measures
- Abnormal Occurrences
- Significant Enforcement Actions
- SECY-02-0216 Criteria
 - Significant licensee performance issues
 - NRC program gaps
- Trending review of Event Data

Strategic Outcomes and Performance Measures

- •All Strategic Measure goals met in FY 2005
- •All Performance and Precursor Measure goals met in FY 2005

Abnormal Occurrences



- Elevated External Radiation Levels / Removable Contamination
- Fuel Cycle Facility
- Personnel Overexposure
- Medical / Dose to Embryo

Significant NRC Enforcement Actions



Trending Review of Event Data

- 16 quarters reviewed (10/01/01 to 9/30/05), 2038 events during this period.
- No significant performance trends identified.
- No significant change from previous 16-quarter period (10/01/00 to 9/30/04): 2060 events during that period

Licensee Performance Issues/ NRC Program Gaps

- No licensee performance issues identified per SECY-02-0216
- No significant trending issues
 identified
- No NRC program gaps or failures identified

Conclusion

- •All strategic and performance goals met in FY 2005
- No adverse performance trends identified
- No licensee performance issues reaching AARM threshold
- NRC Programs providing effective oversight



REACTOR LICENSEE BRIEFING

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Reactor Industry Trends Program

- Identifies trends in safety performance
- Communicates performance to stakeholders
- Provides feedback to ROP
- Supports NRC performance goals

FY 2005 Results

- No statistically significant adverse trends in safety performance based on long-term trending
- Safety System Actuation
 Indicators Exceeded Prediction
 Limit in FY2006
- Accident Sequence Precursor (ASP) Program

ROP Self-Assessment

- Annual self-assessment to consider if program goals are met and to identify areas for improvement
- Diverse inputs for self-assessment
 - Self-Assessment metrics
 - ROP internal feedback process
 - Independent Evaluations
 - Comments from external survey
 - Feedback at meetings/conferences
 - Direction from the Commission

Overall Results

- Effective in monitoring plant activities and focusing resources
- Successfully achieved performance goals and intended outcomes
- ROP improved based on feedback and lessons learned
- Most metrics were met
- Continued focus on stakeholder involvement
- Range of views on ROP

Performance Indicator Program

- Significant activities/results
 - MSPI implemented
 - Improved Frequently Asked Question process
 - Efforts to improve PI effectiveness
 - Three of seven metrics not met

Performance Indicator Program (cont)

- Challenges and planned actions
 Complete MSPI implementation
 Discussion with stakeholders on increasing PI effectiveness
 - Improvements in barrier integrity and initiating events PIs

Inspection Program

- Significant Activities/Results
 - Baseline Inspection Program completed at all plants
 - Implemented Davis-Besse lessons learned and Office of Inspector General recommendations
 - Adjusted resources based on detailed inspection procedure analysis
 - Piloted engineering inspections
 - One of eleven metrics not met

Inspection Program (cont)

- Challenges and planned actions
 - Refine process to ensure effective use of resources
 - Conduct revised engineering inspections
 - Develop guidance and training for safety culture

Significance Determination Process

- Significant activities/results
 - **SDP** improvement plan progress
 - Continued SDP improvements
 - Developed Pre-solved Phase 2 tables
 - Two of eight metrics not met

Significance Determination Process (cont)

- Challenges and planned actions
 - Further improve SDP timeliness/efficiency
 - Monitor recent process improvements
 - Issue pre-solved Phase 2 tables
 NRC management review option

Assessment Program

- Significant activities/results
 - Improved guidance on cross-cutting issues
 - Improved guidance on IMC 0350 process based on lessons learned
 - Developed approach for addressing safety culture
 - One of eleven metrics not met

Assessment Program (cont)

- Challenges and planned actions
 Implement safety culture enhancements and associated training
 - Assess improved guidance on cross-cutting issues

ROP Deviations

- Davis-Besse May 2005
- Salem/Hope Creek July 2005
- Indian Point Unit 2 October 2005
- Point Beach December 2005
- Deviations reviewed and resulted in some programmatic changes

Resources/Resident Demographics

- Resource expenditures trending up; increased regional budget
- Demographic trends
 - Experience level remains high
 - Site staffing levels steady
 - Resident turnover rate not excessive

Plant Discussion Davis-Besse

Reason for Discussion IMC 0350 to ROP during 2nd Qtr ROP Deviation - inspect licensee assessments

Current Performance - Column I
 Next Steps - Continue ROP Deviation

Plant Discussion - Perry

- Reason for Discussion
 - Column IV Since August 2004
- Current Performance
 - Column IV
 - Two White Findings Remain Open
 HP and PI&R Cross-Cutting Issues
- •Next Steps
 - **CAL Follow-up Inspections**

Plant Discussion Point Beach

- Reason for Discussion
 - ▶Column IV
- Current Performance
 - Engineering Issues remain
- •Next steps
 - CAL revised, focus on engineering

Summary

The **AARM**:

- Is important for oversight of both the Materials and Reactor Programs
- Continues to be an integral part of the NRC process
- Provided opportunity to review NRC actions taken for licensees with performance problems
- Provided opportunity to review industry and licensee performance trends