

# Braidwood Annual Assessment Meeting

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Reactor Oversight Program - CY 2005



Nuclear Regulatory Commission - Region III

Braceville, IL

July 31, 2006

# Purpose of Today's Meeting

- A public forum for discussion of the licensee's performance
- NRC will address the licensee performance issues identified in the annual assessment letter
- Licensee will be given the opportunity to respond to the information in the letter and inform the NRC of new or existing programs to maintain or improve their performance

# Agenda

- Introduction
- Review of Reactor Oversight Process
- National Summary of Plant Performance
- Discussion of Plant Performance Results
- Licensee Response and Remarks
- NRC Closing Remarks
- Break
- NRC available to address public questions

# Region III Organization

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Regional Administrator

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Deputy Regional Administrator

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Steve West  
Deputy Director

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Richard Skokowski  
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Regional Specialists

Braidwood  
Resident Inspectors  
Steve Ray  
Greg Roach

Project Engineer  
Desiree Smith

# NRC Representatives

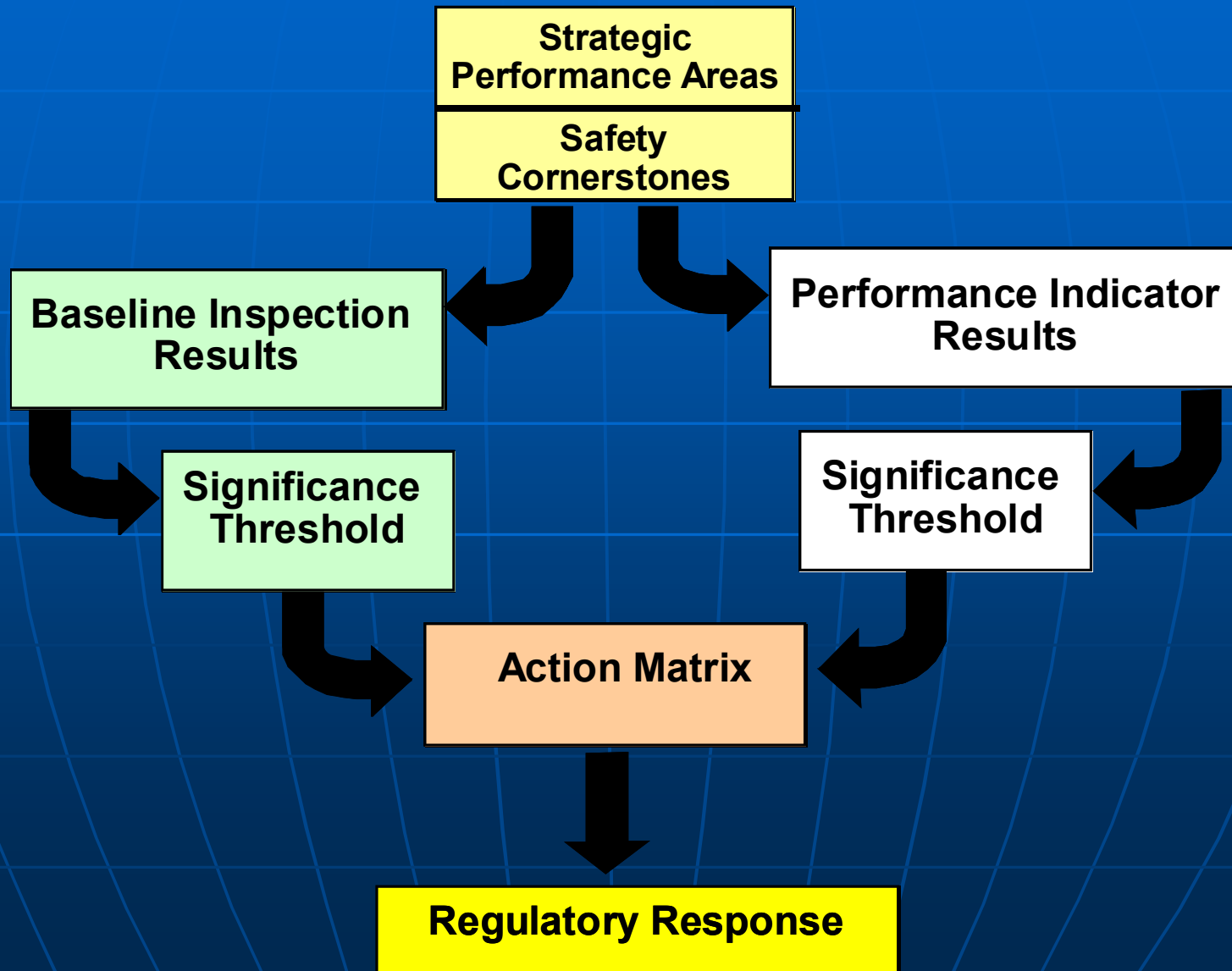
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# NRC Performance Goals

- Safety: Ensure protection of the public health and safety and the environment
- Security: Ensure the secure use and management of radioactive materials
- Openness: Ensure openness in our regulatory process
- Effectiveness: Ensure that NRC actions are effective, efficient, realistic, and timely
- Management: Ensure excellence in agency management to carry out the NRC' strategic objective

# Reactor Oversight Process



## Examples of Baseline Inspections

- Equipment Alignment ~80 hrs/yr
- Triennial Fire Protection ~200 hrs every 3 yrs
- Operator Response ~125 hrs/yr
- Emergency Preparedness ~80 hrs/yr
- Rad Release Controls ~110 hrs every 2 yrs
- Worker Radiation Protection ~90 hrs/yr
- Corrective Action Program ~250 hrs every 2 yrs
- Corrective Action Case Reviews ~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

## Inspection Findings

- Green:** Very Low safety issue
- White:** Low to moderate safety issue
- Yellow:** Substantial safety issue
- Red:** High safety issue

# Action Matrix Concept



**Increasing Safety Significance**

**Increasing NRC Inspection Efforts**

**Increasing NRC/Licensee Management Involvement**

**Increasing Regulatory Actions**

# National Summary of Plant Performance

Status at End of CY 2005

Licensee Response	84
Regulatory Response	12
Degraded Cornerstone	4
Multiple/Repetitive Degraded Cornerstone	3
Unacceptable	0
<u>Total</u>	<u>103</u>

# National Summary

- Performance Indicator Results (at end of CY 2005)

▶ Green	1850
▶ White	4
▶ Yellow	0
▶ Red	0

- Total Inspection Findings (CY 2005)

▶ Green	849
▶ White	10
▶ Yellow	1
▶ Red	0

# Braidwood Assessment Results

(Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2005)

- Licensee Response Action Matrix Column with no greater than green findings/PIs
- No supplemental inspections were conducted

# Braidwood Inspection Activities

(Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2005)

- Steve Ray returned to assume duties as Senior Resident Inspector from Nirodh (Nick) Shah who was assigned to Region III. Greg Roach assumed duties as Resident Inspector in July 2005.
- There was one refueling outage for Unit 2 from April 19 to May 7
- A Safety System Design and Performance Capability inspection (SSDPC) was performed in August
- A Problem Identification and Resolution (PI&R) was conducted in October

# Braidwood Inspection Activities Results

(Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2005)

- The Residents and regional inspectors reported a total of eight (8) findings of very low safety significance (GREEN)

# Safety Significant Findings or PIs

- There were no significant findings greater than GREEN (very low safety significance) during 2005
- Tritium Unresolved Item



# Braidwood

## Annual Assessment Summary

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- All cornerstone objectives were met. All findings were of very low safety significance (GREEN)
- At the time the Annual Assessment was completed, NRC planned only baseline inspections at Braidwood for the remainder of the assessment period
- Based on the recently issued WHITE finding for the unmonitored release of tritium a Supplemental Inspection is being planned

# Licensee Response and Remarks

Keith Polson  
Site Vice President  
Braidwood Generating Station

# 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](http://www.nrc.gov)
  - ▶ Select “What We Do” for Public Affairs

# Reference Sources

- Public Electronic Reading Room

- ▶ <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html>

- Reactor Oversight Process

- ▶ <http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/index.html>

- Groundwater Contamination (Tritium)

- ▶ <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/ops-experience/grndwtr-contam-tritium.html>

- Public Document Room

- ▶ 1-800-397-4209 (Toll Free)

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