

SOLICITATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE 2006 IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS

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QUESTIONS

In responding to these questions, please consider your experiences using the NRC oversight process.

Shade in the circle that most applies to your experiences as follows:

1) Strongly Agree 2) Agree 3) Neutral 4) Disagree 5) Strongly Disagree

If there are experiences that are rated as unsatisfactory, or if you have specific thoughts or concerns, please elaborate in the "Comments" section that follows the question and offer your opinion for possible improvements. If there are experiences or opinions that you would like to express that cannot be directly captured by the questions, document that in the last question of the survey.

Questions related to specific Reactor Oversight (ROP) program areas

(As appropriate, please provide specific examples and suggestions for improvement.)

- (1) The Performance Indicator Program provides useful insights to help ensure plant safety.

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Comments:

- (2) Appropriate overlap exists between the Performance Indicator Program and the Inspection Program.

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Comments:

- (3) NEI 99-02, "Regulatory Assessment Performance Indicator Guideline" provides clear guidance regarding Performance Indicators.

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Comments:

- (4) The Performance Indicator Program, including the Mitigating Systems Performance Index, can effectively identify performance outliers based on risk-informed, objective, and predictable indicators.

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Comments:

- (5) The Inspection Program adequately covers areas important to safety, and is effective in identifying and ensuring the prompt correction of any performance deficiencies.

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Comments:

- (6) The information contained in inspection reports is relevant, useful, and written in plain English.

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Comments:

- (7) The Significance Determination Process yields an appropriate and consistent regulatory response across all ROP cornerstones.

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Comments:

- (8) The NRC takes appropriate actions to address performance issues for those plants outside of the Licensee Response Column of the Action Matrix.

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Comments:

- (9) The information contained in assessment reports is relevant, useful, and written in plain English.

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Comments:

Questions related to the efficacy of the overall ROP. (As appropriate, please provide specific examples and suggestions for improvement.)

- (10) The ROP oversight activities are predictable (i.e., controlled by the process) and reasonably objective (i.e., based on supported facts, rather than relying on subjective judgement).

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Comments:

- (11) The ROP is risk-informed, in that the NRC's actions and outcomes are appropriately graduated on the basis of increased significance.

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Comments:

- (12) The ROP is understandable and the processes, procedures and products are clear and written in plain English.

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Comments:

- (13) The ROP provides adequate regulatory assurance, when combined with other NRC regulatory processes, that plants are being operated and maintained safely.

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Comments: *The ROP should provide additional focus on precursor issues*

- (14) The ROP safety culture enhancements help identify licensee safety culture weaknesses and focus licensee and NRC attention appropriately.

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Comments:

- (15) The ROP is effective, efficient, realistic, and timely.

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Comments: *it is efficient but not effective or realistic in identifying and reporting precursor issues. It appears that the inspectors' hands are tied. a good example is Davis-Besse event.*

- (16) The ROP ensures openness in the regulatory process.

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Comments:

- (17) The public has been afforded adequate opportunity to participate in the ROP and to provide inputs and comments.

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Comments:

(18) The NRC has been responsive to public inputs and comments on the ROP.

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Comments:

(19) The NRC has implemented the ROP as defined by program documents.

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Comments:

(20) The ROP minimizes unintended consequences.

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Comments:

(21) You would support a change in frequency of the ROP external survey from annually to every other year, consistent with the internal survey, as proposed in SECY-06-0074.

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Comments:

(22) Please provide any additional information or comments related to the Reactor Oversight Process.

The current process, including inspection reports do not provide the public with insight into actual performance issues with the plants. The inspection reports are sterile and do not identify the precursor type issues discussed between the inspectors and site personnel. They (inspection reports) give the impression that the plants are stellar performers (unless a significant issue is found). The inspection reports are virtually not worth reading by people looking for performance insights. The foregoing said - I believe the plants are generally operating with good attention to safe performance.