

GI-201 Virtual Panel Results and Comments

As part of the effort to revise Management Directive (MD 6.4) and streamline the initial screening process for Generic Issues (GI's), staff has suggested the possibility of conducting GI screening panel reviews via teleconference, electronic mail, or other methods which do not require the physical presence of all of the screening panel members in the same room at the same time. GI-201 was selected as the "test" issue for this new process.

The chairman and other two panel members were in unanimous agreement that the issue should be closed out from the GI program due to negligible increase in core damage frequency.

The screening analysis package was forwarded to the panel members for their review. In this particular case the "bounding" risk computations show negligible increase in core damage frequency so the discussion should be straightforward. The risk analyst(s) who performed the computations and prepared much of the analysis package will be available to answer any questions posed by the panel members.

The panel members – including the panel chairperson – were given ample time to review the analysis and to pose questions or provide comments, if necessary. All editorial and technical comments were addressed to the satisfaction of the panel member providing the comment(s).

The technical issues raised did not affect the overall result; however, addressing each of them added to the clarity of the screening analysis and generally improved the coherence of the entire package.