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Status of DOE Response to NRC Requests for Additional Information

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Requests for Additional Information Process

- **Clarification meetings are working well**
 - DOE will continue to ask clarifying questions to ensure that we understand what the NRC is asking for in the RAI
 - DOE will continue to provide a description of the general approach we intend to use to respond to the RAI
 - DOE views the clarification meetings as beneficial to response planning
 - Dialogue between DOE and NRC Subject Matter Experts is valuable in focusing the RAI
- **Supplemental clarification calls are proving beneficial**
 - Supplemental RAI responses will be documented and sent to the NRC as appropriate
 - Need to be cognizant of original scope of RAI
 - “Follow-on” meetings have been effective in keeping response planning within scope and on schedule



Requests for Additional Information Issues

- **Issues potentially warranting additional discussion**
 - Aircraft Crash Hazards
 - Soils Stability
 - Rising Water Table
 - QA Requirements relating to Waste Custodians
 - May be other issues
- **Budget**
 - Majority of responses have been on time despite budget
 - Budgetary restraints will continue to impact response development



Requests for Additional Information Totals (as of June 10, 2009)

- **Status of RAIs received from NRC**

– Submitted to NRC	350
– In progress	96
– Cancelled/deferred by NRC	<u>3</u>
– Totals	449

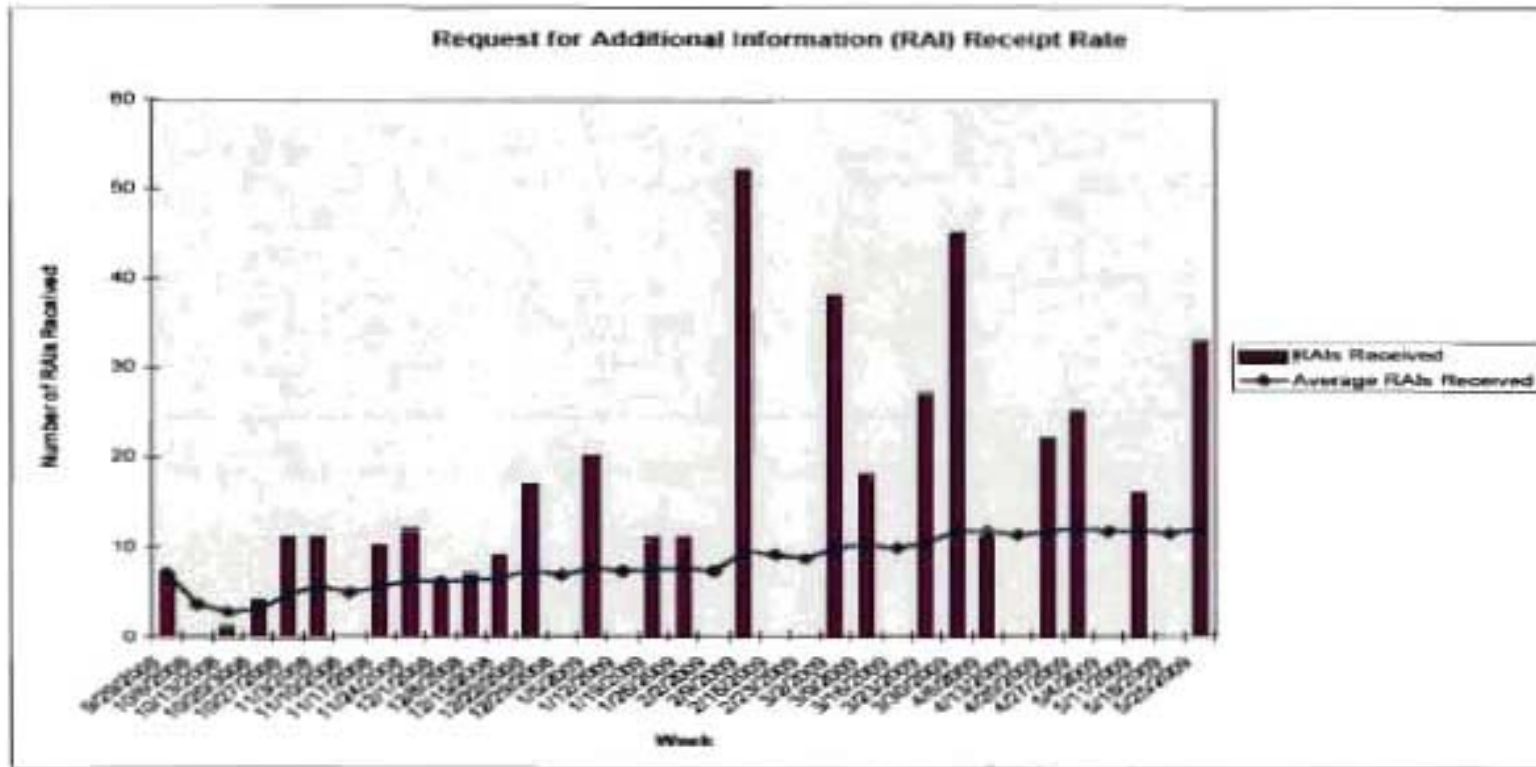
- **86% of RAI responses submitted on or ahead of schedule**

- **Supplemental responses**

– Submitted to NRC	14
– In progress	1
– Totals	15



Requests for Additional Information Receipt Rates



Requests for Additional Information Looking Forward

- **Schedule**
 - Expect balance of remaining RAIs from NRC by the end of this Fiscal Year
 - Plan is to submit all responses to NRC by 12/31/09
- **LA update**
 - After completion of SER

