



U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Licensee Performance Review
Nuclear Fuel Services, Inc.
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Agenda

Introduction	NRC NFS
Overview of Licensee Performance Review (LPR) Process	NRC
Discussion of Licensee Performance	NRC NFS
Closing Remarks	NRC



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LPR Process

Objectives of the LPR Process

- **Provide an assessment of facility performance**
- **Provide input for future inspection planning**

Conduct of the LPR Process

- **Review and evaluate performance information in five Performance Areas**
- **Assess overall performance**
- **Identify changes to inspection program**
- **Communicate results to licensee and public**

LPR Performance Areas

- **Safety Operations**
- **Radiological Controls**
- **Facility Support**
- **Special Topics**
- **Safeguards (Discussed in a separate closed meeting)**



Previous Performance

January 2008 to July 2008

Results:

- No Performance Areas needing improvement were identified



Current Performance (July 2008-April 2009)

Results

- NFS operated in a manner that adequately protected the health and safety of the workers and the public
- NFS made continued progress implementing the Safety Culture Improvement Plan
- NRC will continue enhanced oversight at NFS through its core inspection program and oversight of licensee actions stemming from Confirmatory Order

Safety Operations

- Additional management attention is needed to reduce the potential for human error. This reduction can best be accomplished by improved written procedures, adequate pre-job briefings, more awareness of individual work activities, independent verification, and other controls.

Radiological Controls , Facility Support, and Special Topics

- No specific areas needing improvement were identified in these areas

Core NRC Inspections will be augmented with:

- Special safety culture improvement plan implementation inspections
- An additional corrective action program inspection
- NRC independent evaluation of safety culture



Safety Culture

- Second NFS Independent Safety Culture Assessment completed in 2010
- NFS management assessment of safety culture improvement
 - Safety Culture performance indicators



Closing Remarks