

Proposed questions for Construction Inspection Assessment Panel

1. What key activities/key milestones do you envision in the development of construction assessment program options leading to the SECY Paper due in November 2010?
2. The reactor oversight process framework includes strategic performance areas, cornerstones, and cross-cutting issues. What key attributes of the current ROP should be included in the construction assessment program?
3. The operating reactor assessment program uses performance indicators and the significance of findings as inputs to the action matrix. Do you believe that these inputs should be included in the construction response table?
4. What elements of the operating reactor assessment program do you believe should not be included in the construction assessment program?
5. The operating reactor assessment program uses the significance determination process to evaluate most findings. Other assessment programs use traditional enforcement to evaluate the significance of inspection findings. What process do you believe should be used to evaluate the significance of construction inspection findings?
6. In NEI's CIAP proposal, it is proposed that findings not associated with ITAAC criteria (i.e. construction findings) all be assigned a green color. Is this an appropriate threshold for these types of findings? If so, what should be used as an indicator for NRC to increase/decrease its inspection activities?
7. The NRC currently assigns safety culture component aspects to findings when appropriate. Substantive cross-cutting issues are identified when certain thresholds are crossed. Should the NRC treat findings in a similar manner in the construction environment?
8. If the NRC develops a new construction assessment program to replace the program as described in MC 2505, when and how should this program be implemented? Do you envision a pilot plant, parallel implementation, immediate implementation, etc?
9. What interactions with senior NRC and industry managers do you envision as the construction assessment program options are developed?
10. IMC 2505 is being modified to more fully define CSFIs and take them out as a direct input in the Construction Response Table. Do you recommend any other near term revisions to the assessment program that is documented in MC 2505 and will be implemented in the near future at sites under construction?