

License Application/Amendment Process

Successes and Areas for Improvement

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Topics



- Schedule
- Communications
- Content
- Guidance

- **Successes**
 - SFST is meeting review dates published in acceptance letters and review times shortened.
 - Use of Direct Final Rule for Part 72 Amendments.
 - Applicants meeting requested RAI response dates.
 - Applicants informing SFST of upcoming needs as input to their budget requests.
- **Areas of Improvement**
 - RAI response schedule can hinder ability for public meeting to ensure Staff's issues are addressed.
 - Communication of schedule expectations/progress after SER is submitted to rulemaking.

- **Successes**
 - More public meetings informing Staff of applicant's licensing intentions.
 - Increased willingness for phone conversations to provide general information exchange.

- **Areas of Improvement**
 - Staff present at pre-submittal meetings not necessarily assigned as reviewers.
 - Need to familiarize Staff new to SFST with approved CoCs and their implementation.

- Successes
 - Issuance of NRC Acceptance Review Process
 - More complete applications with less editorial errors.
 - Thorough technical review as evidenced in the RAI.
- Areas for Improvement
 - Draft SER issued with RAI.
 - Formalizing the complete LAR Process.

- Successes
 - NRC in process of updating guidance documents.
 - NRC providing draft guidance for public comment.
- Areas for Improvement
 - Application of draft guidance documents in the current licensing reviews.
 - Uncertainties still exist with regard to level of detail required in the application as well as the required supporting documentation to be included.

Summary

- Increase communication and general information transfer.
- Continue processes which add value and add new processes as necessary.
- Establish consistent practices in-line with regularly updated guidance.