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# Simulated ITAAC Closure and Verification Demonstration Project Lessons Learned

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# Agenda

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- Lessons Learned
  - Southern Nuclear (Paulo Albuquerque)
    - Inspection Support
    - Closure Letter
  - Westinghouse (Brian Bedford)
    - ITAAC Surge Investigation
    - ITAAC Surge Mitigation

# Inspection Support Lessons Learned

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- Inspection Planning is critical to both the Licensee and NRC

## Prior to NRC Inspection

- Provide ITAAC Plan
  - ***Develop and make plan available***
- Provide Technical Documentation
  - ***Include Proprietary Information***
  - ***Develop a method for sharing this information with both NRC Region II and Headquarters***

## During the Inspection

- Coordinate with Region II the need for making technical information available to headquarters to support a Region II inspection

# Inspection Support Lessons Learned

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- Existing PI&R systems are sufficient for ITAAC-related activities, but technology could be optimized for more efficient tracking and reporting.

# Closure Letters Lessons Learned

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- ITAAC Closure Letters must list Principal Completion Documents as references (available for inspection).
  - The Closure Letter Determination Basis must ultimately provide enough detail for a knowledgeable person to conclude the ITA was performed and the Acceptance Criteria met.
    - Stating that an ITA was performed and referencing the results is not sufficient. The ITA methodology must be described at a conceptual level. Ensure that ITA information is clearly described in the determination bases.
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# Closure Letters Lessons Learned

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- NEI 08-01 Appendix D provides guidance on Closure Letter preparation
    - The D-1 Template and D-x examples guide the format, content, and level of detail
    - The letter content must be confirmed by the actual ITAAC wording and DCD definitions, and the “sufficient information for a knowledgeable person” standard.
  - Partial ITAAC closure may be useful in some situations, but presents administrative challenges requiring special attention.
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# ITAAC Surge Investigation Lessons Learned

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- The ITAAC Completion Surge that occurs late in the project is significant, and requires special attention.
  - Overall, the ITAAC Surge is based on the construction sequence, and cannot be significantly reduced.
  - Detailed Analysis of the ITAAC surge will yield minor schedule improvements. Categorizing ITAAC by type is most productive.
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# ITAAC Surge Mitigation Lessons Learned

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- Although the Surge in ITAAC Completion cannot be significantly reduced, its impact can be mitigated
  - Many of the ITAAC very late in construction are:
    - Reference ITAAC, which should not require significant effort to complete or review
    - The Pre-Operational tests, which have a well understood process and a high level of NRC Inspector involvement.
  - Early planning and documentation of ITAAC can flatten the “manpower curve” for completing the ITAAC.
  - Continual Interaction on ITAAC Closure is imperative up-to and through the ITAAC Surge
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# Questions/Comments

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