

## **Efficiencies in Review Process**

### **Explanation of the Issue**

The staff encouraged the industry to embrace a “design-centered” concept so that the staff would review technical issues dealing with a particular design only once. Under this system, the industry is responsible for standardizing the combined license (COL) application process. The design-centered approach is an efficient way for the staff and industry to close out generic open items identified in a design certification (DC) review. Standardization plays a crucial role in accelerating new plant licensing reviews, but requires the industry to take responsibility. It is also up to each company to submit “high-quality” applications, meaning an application must be detailed and complete.

A newly formed group of industry executives from companies pursuing COLs, called the New Plant Oversight Committee, is focusing on developing agreement on regulatory, financial, and policy issues. NRC staff attends these meetings to listen and to consider new ideas regarding improving efficiency.

Staff has improved the efficiencies in the concurrence process by developing a standard process across the organization. For each application, a review team meets to resolve all remaining issues for specific subject areas. This process is used prior to the issuance of the safety evaluations for DC and COL chapters to the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards.

### **Status**

Open issues are tracked until closure through the office tracking system. Insights are documented on the Office of New Reactors’ Knowledge Management Web site. This system is used to improve the efficiency of licensing reviews that are in process as well as for future applications.

### **Relevant Additional Information**

None provided.