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Construction Reactor Oversight Process Working Group Activities

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Construction Reactor Oversight Process (cROP) Working Group

- An NRC multi-office working group was formed to develop construction assessment program options for Commission consideration
- Through numerous stakeholder interactions, the staff provided assessment program options to the Commission in SECY-10-0140
- Commission SRM directed staff to develop a construction assessment program that includes a regulatory framework, the use of a construction significance determination process (SDP) to determine the significance of findings identified during the construction inspection program (CIP), and the use of a construction action matrix to determine the appropriate NRC response to findings

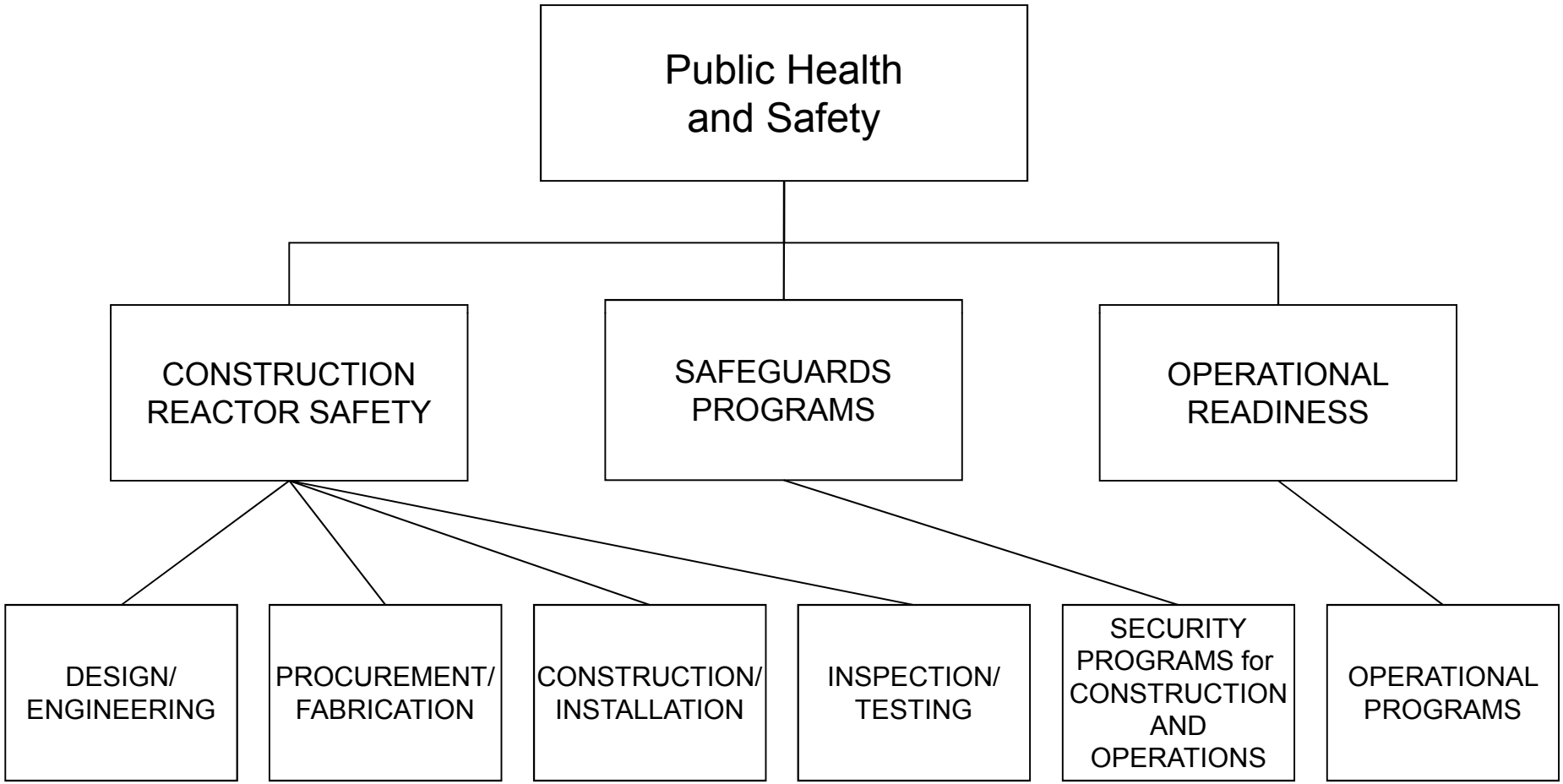
cROP WG Milestones

Expert panel meeting to develop x-axis of SDP matrix	**Scheduled for June 22, 2011**
Finalize SDP matrix	**Complete by July 29, 2011**
Conduct table top of SDP using NUREG 1055 and contemporary issues	**Complete by August 19, 2011**
Incorporate changes to SDP based on table top results	**Complete by August 26, 2011**
Internal Commissioner's Technical Assistants Briefing	**Complete by Sept. 21, 2011**
Begin pilot of new process	**Begin January 1, 2012**
Brief ACRS on pilot results to date	**Complete by July 31, 2012**
Provide Information Paper to Commission with pilot results and recommended program changes	**Due Date: August 31, 2012**

Working Group Progress

- Regulatory Framework Complete
- Programmatic Finding SDP Concept Complete
- Technical Finding SDP Under Development, Nearing Completion

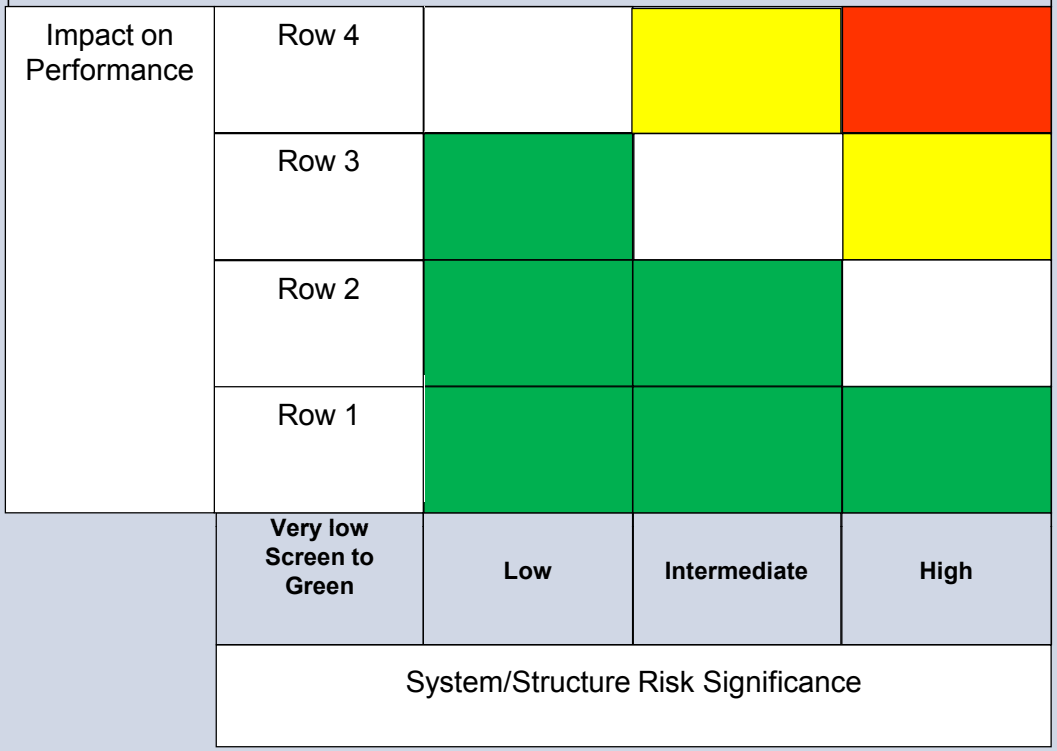
CONSTRUCTION REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS REGULATORY FRAMEWORK



Construction Technical Finding SDP

- The construction SDP matrix consists of two axes
  - Risk Significance on the x-axis
  - Impact on Performance on the y-axis.
- Construction inspection findings will be assigned to a coordinate in the matrix based on the pre-determined risk of the involved system or structure (x-axis) and the row that applies to the impact on performance (y-axis) of the finding
- The risk significance of systems and structures (x-axis) will be determined for each reactor design that is being constructed
- Systems and structures for each design will be pre-assigned to a column on the x-axis of the matrix corresponding to low, intermediate, or high risk significance.

AP 1000 Construction Technical Finding SDP Matrix



Systems

all others, e.g.:	**PLS**	**CMT**	**PMS**
SWS	**DC-Non 1E**	**ACC**	**DC-1E**
CCS	**DAS**	**PRHR**	**IRWST**
SFW	**AC power**		**ADS**
DG	**PRHR**		
MFW	**CIS***		
PLS	**CHR***		
DAS			
AC power			
CAS			
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NRH			

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- Row 3
  - Finding materially affects the design function of multiple systems or structures as described in the Design Reliability Acceptance Program (DRAP) or the Design Certification (DC)
- Row 2
  - Finding materially affects the design function of a system or structure as described in the DRAP or DC
- Row 1
  - Finding does not materially affect the design function of a system or structure as described in the DRAP or DC

Construction Technical Finding SDP

- Once a row designation is determined per the guidance above, the finding will be assigned to the next highest row in the matrix if:
  - A previously unidentified issue invalidates a submitted ITAAC closure letter for an ITAAC associated with the identified condition, or
  - A repetitive significant condition adverse to quality exists that is directly associated with a newly identified performance deficiency

Input/Feedback/Questions