

OVERVIEW OF NEAR-TERM LICENSING IMPROVEMENTS

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Introduction



- Topics from June 2010 SFST Licensing Conference
- Licensing Changes/Improvements
- Ongoing Improvement Efforts
- Business Process Improvement Review
- Licensing Program Improvement Review

2010 SFST Licensing Conference

- Industry, State, public, and media participation
- Areas of discussion:
 - Change authority in 10 CFR 72.48
 - CoC conditions and TS
 - Pre-issuance notification on RAIs
 - Improving communications with stakeholders
 - Regulatory areas

Licensing Changes and Improvements

- Enhanced RAI process
- Revised acceptance review process (OI-14)
- Staff level-of-effort and fee estimation for license reviews

Ongoing Improvement Efforts

- Revision to NUREG-1745 (standardized TS for Part 72 CoCs)
- Change authority in 10 CFR 72.48
- Regulatory Issue Resolution Protocol

Business Process Improvement Review

- Internal review of Part 72 general license review process
- Goal to increase process efficiency and ensure openness and transparency in reviews
- Completed review and developed recommendations for internal licensing processes, in May 2011
- Currently implementing recommendations

Licensing Program Review - Process and Schedule



- Public meetings: July 27, 2011; early 2012
- Summer 2012: Issue Federal Register Notice for formal comments on regulatory issues
- 2012 – 2013: Develop recommendations for improving the licensing framework
- 2012 – 2015: Guidance updates
- 2013 – 2016: Rulemaking (if needed)

Licensing Program Review



- Focus Areas

- Compatibility/integration of 10 CFR Parts 71 and 72 requirements
- Streamlining the process for 10 CFR Part 72 cask certification
- Administration of CoCs and CoC amendments
- Interface between 10 CFR Parts 50 and 72
- Applicability/compatibility of safety requirements for specific licensees, general licensees and CoC holders
- Regulating ISFSIs at decommissioned reactor sites

Summary

- Many improvement efforts with opportunity for stakeholder involvement
- SFST committed to improving regulatory program, while meeting our inspection and licensing commitments
- Looking forward to continued open communication and input from all stakeholders

Acronyms

- CoC – Certificate of Compliance
- CFR – Code of Federal Regulations
- ISFSI – Independent Spent Fuel Storage Installation
- OI – Office Instruction (SFST)
- RAI – Request for Additional Information
- SFST – Division of Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation
- TS – Technical Specifications

Feedback



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