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# Licensee Performance Review GLOBAL NUCLEAR FUEL-AMERICAS (GNF-A)

Wilmingtton, NC  
April 17, 2013  
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.



Division of Fuel Facility Inspection

# AGENDA

- NRC - Introductions
- NRC Mission - What We Do
- NRC - Discussion of LPR Results
- GNF - Response to NRC Review
- NRC - Adjourn Business Portion
- NRC - Informal Question & Answer Session with the Public
- NRC - Adjourn Meeting

# Mission

The NRC licenses and regulates the Nation's civilian use of radioactive materials to protect public health and safety, promote the common defense and security, and protect the environment.

# Purpose of LPR

- Inform GNF-A & public of the results of the LPR; and,
- Provide basis for adjusting the focus of inspections at GNF-A

## How Is It Done

- Review inspection results, events, and related issues for performance trends during this assessment period.
- Identify areas needing improvement
- Identify areas where increased inspections are needed.

## Functional Areas

- Safety Operations
- Safeguards
- Radiological Controls
- Facility Support
- Special Topics

# Previous Licensee Performance Review Results

- Safety Operations was an area needing improvement based on a common programmatic issue associated with GNF-A's Integrated Safety Analysis program as stated in EA-09-268 (ML101610024).

# GNF-A Current LPR

**Assessment Period**  
**January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2012**



# Current LPR Results

- GNF-A conducted NRC-licensed activities safely and securely; protecting public health and the environment.
- GNF-A has made substantial progress in addressing long-standing ISA issues. However, the area needing improvement remains open pending NRC review of the final results.

# Safety Operations

Plant Operations and Criticality, Chemical, and Fire Safety

- **Area Needing Improvement**

Previously noted in 2009 when inspectors identified a breakdown in Integrated Safety Analysis (ISA) program methodology and implementation. GNF-A acknowledged and appropriately prioritized the corrective actions in accordance with the risk significance. Although a notable number of new plant issues were identified as a result of this comprehensive review, the issues were promptly addressed and notable progress was observed.

# Radiological Controls

Radiation Protection, Environmental Protection, Waste Management,  
and Transportation

- No areas needing improvement

# Facility Support

Maintenance & Surveillance, Permanent Plant Modifications,  
Training, Emergency Preparedness & Management Oversight

- No areas needing improvement

## Other Areas

- **Special Topics (Licensing)**
  - No Areas needing improvement
- **Safeguards (Physical Security, Information Security, and Material Control and Accounting)**

## NRC Response

### NRC Inspections in 2013:

- Baseline NRC inspection program
- Combined headquarters and regional inspection upon completion of ISA Review Project

## GNF-A LPR

## CLOSING REMARKS

- GNF-A's Response
- Informal Question & Answer Session between NRC & the Public