

**Reactor Oversight Process Enhancement Project
Baseline Inspection Program
Inspection Area – Operability – Operability Evaluations**

Background

Changes to inspection procedure 71111.15, “Operability Determinations and Functionality Assessments,” in April 2011 clarified and enhanced the sample selection guidance to address functionality assessments as described in the Inspection Manual Part 9900, “Technical Guidance – Operability Determinations and Functionality Assessments for Resolution of Degraded or Nonconforming Conditions Adverse to Quality or Safety.” In January 2014, Part 9900 was superseded by Manual Chapter 0326, “Operability Determinations and Functionality Assessments for Conditions Adverse to Quality or Safety.” The changes provided additional latitude to select risk significant systems, structures, and components (SSCs) that may not be identified in the technical specifications for sampling. In October 2011, the resource numbers were changed to reflect the 2011 Reactor Oversight Process realignment.

Analysis

Inspection of this item supports the Mitigating Systems and Barrier Integrity cornerstones by ensuring risk-significant SSCs are fully functional to perform their design function. The inspection activities are intended to verify that the licensee has taken the necessary steps to demonstrate and maintain the reliability, availability, and functional capability of degraded or non-conforming SSCs and associated components that the licensee is relying upon to meet associate license requirements.

There is one open feedback form regarding updating the procedure reference section to include Operating Experience Smart Sample 2012-02 “Technical Specification and Operability Determination.”

Recommendations

Consider moving the annual review of operator workarounds from Inspection Procedure 71152, “Problem Identification and Resolution,” to this inspection procedure.

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