

Transition from cROP to ROP

Summary of NRC transition working group report, and next steps

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The Assignment

- Transition WG was established by NRO to develop overall integrated strategy and plan to support an effective transition of regulatory oversight and licensing from NRO to NRR of new reactors from construction to operations.
- Transition WG is an interoffice group comprised of staff representing internal stakeholders that will be affected by transition of new reactors.
- Proposed plan will identify major milestones and agency actions necessary to ensure organization is adequately prepared for transition.
- Plan will include options and recommendations for identified actions.

The Product

WG report, “Assessment of the Staff’s Readiness to Transition Regulatory Oversight and Licensing as New Reactors Proceed from Construction to Operation,” issued September 9, 2014. See ADAMS accession number: ML14031A387.

The Product, cont.

Report identified several noteworthy examples of activities already underway that enable staff to address regulatory challenges presented by new reactors including:

- Development of clear and detailed Construction Reactor Oversight Process (cROP) guidance.
- Establishment of effective program to process preliminary amendment requests and license amendment requests.
- Development of extensive inspection planning processes to ensure right inspector available at right time to inspect licensee construction activities.

The Product, cont.

Report contains readiness issues that require actions to ensure NRC is prepared to effectively license and oversee future construction activities and transition of new reactors to commercial operations.

Many of these readiness issues have already been identified and actions are underway to address them.

The Product, cont.

Examples of readiness issues:

- completing 10 CFR 52.103(g) finding procedures
- developing procedures for 10 CFR 52.103(f) petitions, if any are received
- ensuring the availability of qualified project and technical staff for timely disposition of varied and time-sensitive regulatory approval requests and known approaching surge in ITAAC Closure Notifications (ICNs)

Next Steps

For each readiness issue:

- Define need dates and assign points of contact.
- Track progress of intermediate milestones.
- Periodic reporting on progress.

Questions ?
