Applicant Performance Review

Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility

Aiken, South Carolina April 16, 2015



AGENDA



- Introductions
- What We Do
- Discussion of APR Results
- Adjourn Business Portion
- Informal Question and Answer Session with the Public
- Adjourn Meeting

Public Outreach



This is a Category 1 meeting in which the public is invited to observe and will have one or more opportunities to communicate with the NRC after the business portion, but before the meeting is adjourned.



Public Outreach



To improve our communications, the NRC encourages feedback from meeting participants

- ☐ Please take a few minutes to fill out the NRC public meeting feedback form (NRC Form 659) and return or mail the form to the NRC
- □ NRC Form 659, the meeting agenda, and the attendance sheet are located on the table near the entrance to the meeting room
- ☐ Please sign the attendance sheet

Mission



To provide assurance in the safety of future operations at new nuclear facilities by ensuring that licensees and applicants construct the facilities according to approved design criteria, using appropriate practices and quality materials.



Roles and Responsibilities U.S.NRC Protecting People and the Environment How is it Done? Assessment and Enforcement **PSSC PSSC** Completion Inspections Verification **HQ/NMSS** Construction NRC and Vendor **Technical** Construction Oversight **Reviews** Oversight Inspections Region II/Construction

Purpose of APR



- Inform MOX Services and the public of the results of the applicant's performance during the previous calendar year
- Provide a basis for adjusting the focus of inspections at the Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility

Collect information about applicant How is it construction performance Done? Continuously **Applicant** Documented in Performance information **IMC 2630** Review for its safety significance Provide for appropriate applicant and NRC response (CAM)

Construction Action Matrix (IMC 2630, May 9, 2014)



| | | Column I | Column II | Column III | Column IV |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | Only Severity Level (SL) IV violations or non-cited violations | One or two SLIII violations | Three SL III violations or one SL II violation, or a combination of the above. | One St. I violation, multiple St. II violations, or a combination of the following: one St. II and a total of four or more St. III violations; or a total o seven or more St. III violations |
| RESULTS | | NRC requirements fully met | NRC requirements met with some challenges to applicant/licensee | NRC requirements met with some significant challenges to applicant/licensee (Degraded Performance) | Loss of confidence to construct within NRC requirements in areas of concern (Unacceptable Performance) |
| | Requiatory Performance Meeting | None | Branch Chief or Division Director meets with applicant/licensee | Deputy Regional Administrator for Construction (DRAC) or designee meets with senior applicant/licensee management | Regional Administrator (RA) or designee meet with senior applicant/licensee management |
| | Applicant/licensee Action | Applicant/licensee corrective actions | Applicar Ulicensee root cause evaluation and corrective action with NRC oversight | Applicant/licensee cumulative root cause evaluation with NRC oversight | Applicant/licensee Performance Improvement Plan and Independent Inspection with NRC oversight |
| | NRC Inspection | Routine Inspection program | Limited increase in NRC oversight of area(s) of concern. | Expanded NRC oversight in area(s) of concern. Inspection sample increased as appropriate | Reactive team inspection in area(s) of concern. |
| RESPONSE | | None Additional actions considered for sites exiting Column III or Column IV. | Additional inspection only. Additiona actions considered for sites exiting Column III or Column IV. | Additional inspection only. (Additional actions considered for sites exiting Column IV). | At minimum, issue confirmatory action letter. Evaluate need for Demand for Information and/or Order. |
| z | Assessmen Letters | | Division Director reviews/signs assessment report | DRAC or designee reviews/signs assessment report | Regional Administrator reviews/signs assessment report |
| COMMUNICATION | Annual Public Meeting | Senior Project Inspector or Branch Chief meets with applicant/licensee | Branch Chief or Division Director oscusses performance with applicant/licensee | DRAC or designee discusses performance with applicant/licensee | Regional Administrator or designee discusses performance with applicantilicensee |
| WW 8 | Commission Involvement | None | None | None | Consider Commission meeting with senior applicant/licensee management |
| | INCREASING SAFE | TYREGULATORY SIGNIFICANCE | | — | |

MFFF Inspection Effort per Calendar Year



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APR Assessment Areas



- Quality Assurance Program
- Construction Oversight
- Pre-operational Oversight
- Operational Readiness Activities
- Other Areas



Previous Applicant Performance Review (APR) Results



- During the previous performance review, the NRC concluded that facility performance was acceptable
 - No actual or potentially risk significant recurring items identified during the January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 assessment period
 - We conducted routine inspections of the principle systems, structures, and components consistent with IMC 2630, commensurate with on-going construction activities



Current Applicant Performance Review

Assessment Period

January 1, 2014 – December 31, 2014



2014 APR Results



- MFFF was being constructed in a manner that preserved public health and safety and was consistent with the Commission's rules and regulations and the conditions of CAMOX-001
- Our inspections indicated that the construction program was sufficiently implemented to support ongoing construction activities.

2014 APR Results (continued)



- Because no actual or potentially risk significant recurring items were identified during this assessment period, the NRC determined the performance at the MFFF during 2014 was within Column 1 (licensee response) of the Construction Action Matrix (CAM)
- In 2015, NRC plans to conduct routine inspections of the principle systems, structures, and components consistent with IMC 2630 and commensurate with ongoing activities at the MFFF

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2014 APR Assessment Areas



- Quality Assurance Program
- Construction Oversight
- Other Areas

Quality Assurance Program \checkmark U



(Design and document control; control and inspection of materials, equipment and services; inspection, test control, and control of measuring and test equipment; problem identification, resolution, and corrective action)

- No specific performance issues were identified
- Performance warrants the routine inspection program
- Identified deficiencies will be addressed through MOX Services' corrective action program

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Construction Oversight



(Facility construction and maintenance of PSSCs, including engineering activities, supplier and vendor fabrication activities, and maintaining the validity of prior PSSC completion conclusions)

- No specific performance issues were identified
- Performance warrants the routine inspection program
- Identified deficiencies will be addressed through MOX Services' corrective action program

Other Activities



(Licensing activities, licensing of new processes, licensing basis document submittals, and deviations from commitments)

No specific performance issues were identified



Summary



- Results
 - No actual or potentially risk significant recurring items were identified during this assessment period
- Response
 - MOX Services
 - Identified deficiencies will be addressed through MOX Services' corrective action program
 - NRC
 - · Routine inspection program
 - No additional regulatory actions
- Communication
 - Assessment letter (March 12, 2015)
 - Public meeting

Closing Remarks



- MOX Services Response
- Informal question and answer session between NRC and members of the public



Acronyms



APR Applicant Performance Review
CAM Construction Action Matrix
CAMOX MOX Construction Authorization
IMC Inspection Manual Chapter
IROFS Items Relied on for Safety

ISAS Integrated Safety Analysis Summary

LA License Application

MOX Mixed Oxide

MFFF MOX Fuel Fabrication Facility

MPQAP MOX Project Quality Assurance Plan

NMSS Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards

NRC Nuclear Regulatory Commission
PARS Publically Available Records System

PSSC Principal Systems, Structures, and Components