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NRC Revision Initiative to the Topical Report Process (LIC-500)

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Background

- Topical Report priority rating in general within the NRC has historically been low
- Certain staff resources lost to Fukushima Lessons Learned and Licensing backlog programs
- Currently about 70 Topical Reports being processed in NRR

Current Status

- LIC-500, Revision 5
 - Made publicly available in April 2016
- Proposed changes to Revision 5 being considered
 - TR Priority Matrix (Appendix)
 - Expanded Pre-Submittal Meeting Requirements
 - NRC-Applicant Milestone Revision
 - Quick Reference Guide Update (Appendix)

New Initiatives

- Monthly NRC-Vendor Management Meetings on TR Status
 - Established in 4Q 2015
 - Communications have increased between NRC and vendor management
 - Forum to discuss workload and progress for all topical reports under review
 - Accelerated progress and completion of some vendor-identified high priority topical reports have resulted

New Initiatives

- **Topical Report Working Group**
 - Kick-off meeting planned in early August
 - Team: Representatives from multiple divisions in NRR and NRO
 - Key areas to be discussed include:
 - Criteria used for TR prioritization and resource management
 - Metrics for TRs against total workload
 - FY budget formulation for contract and baseline values (2 year or more vendor outlook)
 - Pre-submittal requirements
 - 50.46c impact and strategy
 - External stakeholder engagement (e.g., workshop, public meeting)
 - Final product: Revision to LIC-500 (FY 17)