

# New PRA Method Evaluation Process

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# Summary

- Fee Waiver
- NRC Closure in Vetting Panel Process
- Value of Method

# Fee Waiver Request

- The request is for NRC current and future reviews of NEI 16-04, as well as for any methods processed with NEI 16-04.
- The Staff is reviewing the fee waiver request and may accept the fee waiver for the review of NEI 16-04 and for the pilot methods to the extent that they both support RG 1.200 revision.
- However, Staff cannot grant a blanket fee waiver.

# NRC Closure in Vetting Panel Process

- NEI indicates that NRC's review of vetting panel recommendations should be a process review, not a wholesale review.
- It is not the intent of the NRC to do a wholesale review.
- This formal regulatory closure process is necessary because Staff cannot delegate an inherent government function.

# Value of Method

- The value of the method should be provided to the vetting panel as a part of the package.
- Staff needs to perform acceptance review to prioritize resources.
- Existing PRA method will not be replaced with the NEI 16-04 method unless risk/realism improvement is meaningful.
- This part of acceptance review will be waived only for pilot methods since review of pilot methods support development of RG 1.200 revision.