

National Materials Program Pilot Projects

CRCPD Conference
Special Interest Meeting
May 5, 2003

Agenda

- Introductions
 - Meeting objectives
 - General status of National Material Program activities
 - Overview of pilot projects
 - Discussion
 - Closing remarks
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Meeting Objectives

- ❑ Provide description and status of pilot projects
 - ❑ Provide opportunity for interested parties to comment and ask questions on pilots
 - ❑ Solicit specific input on each pilot from interested parties
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Major Milestones

Completed

- ❑ Selected pilot project chairs (Oct 2002)
 - ❑ Developed Implementation Plan (Jan 2003)
 - ❑ Established working groups (Feb 2003)
 - ❑ Finalized charter for each pilot (Mar 2003)
 - ❑ Updated NMP web site
<http://www.hsrds.ornl.gov/nrc/materials.htm>
(Apr 2003)
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Major Milestones

Upcoming

- ❑ Complete detail work product plans (May 2003)
 - ❑ Complete the pilots (Apr 2004)
 - ❑ Evaluate pilot results against success criteria in SECY-02-0074 (Apr 2004)
 - ❑ Prepare assessment for the Commission (Nov 2004)
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National Materials Program Pilot Project 1:

Establishment of Priorities

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Objective

To develop a collaborative process for NRC and Agreement States to identify priorities and develop work products

Work Products

Develop a process that NRC and Agreement States use to establish priorities

Develop a National Priority list

Examine processes to determine what work will be done and how that work will be shared by NRC and individual Agreement States

Current Activities

- ❑ Finalize Work Product Plan
 - ❑ Researching the current processes utilized by NRC and Agreement States to set priorities
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Focus Questions

- ☐ Does your State use a formal process to set priorities?
- ☐ If so, what is the process?

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National Materials Program Pilot Project 2:

A National Industrial Radiographer Certification Program

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Objective

G-34 Committee on Industrial Radiography as lead group for the oversight of all activities associated with a national industrial radiographer certification program



Certification Oversight Activities

- ❑ Review and approval of initial applications to be recognized as certifying entities
 - ❑ Review of certification program changes
 - ❑ Follow-up evaluations of certification program status
 - Test administration
 - Program maintenance activities
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Focus Question



- How do *you* think the recognized certifying entities should be evaluated?

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Scope of Activities

- Formalize initial review criteria and process based on nationally-accepted standards
 - 10 CFR Part 34 for RAM
 - Part E (SSRCR) for X-Ray
 - Apply the criteria and the process for obtaining approval as a certifying entity
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Work Products

- ❑ CRCPD Document:
 - Formalized criteria and process
 - Proposed strategies for follow-up program evaluations
 - ❑ Evaluate and document the results of applying the criteria and process in a test case
 - Choose one of these 3 options for evaluation:
 - A new certifying entity's application and proposed program
 - ASNT's existing program
 - A volunteer state with an existing certifying program
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Schedule



- ☐ Charter and Work Product Plan submitted
 - ☐ Finalize criteria and review process, June 2003
 - ☐ Evaluate the application of the criteria and process, December 2003
 - ☐ Complete draft pilot project reports and products, February 2004
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National Materials Program Pilot Project3:

OPERATING EXPERIENCE EVALUATION

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Objectives

- ❑ Optimize the common use of operating experience information from licensed facilities
 - ❑ Test a structured process for evaluating cumulative data and performance
 - ❑ Develop strategies to make the process more transparent
 - ❑ Produce consistent results when implemented by NRC or Agreement States
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What do we Mean by Operating Experience?

- ❑ Domestic and foreign event data
 - ❑ Inspections, special studies, and generic reviews
 - ❑ Industry-wide analyses
 - ❑ Risk insights and metrics
 - ❑ Performance indicators and associated thresholds for regulatory action
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Scope of Activities

- Examine the evaluation process used to identify generic issues and possible regulatory action
 - Identify gaps in NRC and Agreement State processes and opportunities for improvement
 - Consider process for providing the Commission information on significant nuclear materials issues and adverse licensee performance
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Scope of Activities-continued

- ❑ Develop tools and metrics to test the use of cumulative data, a standard format, and decision criteria
 - ❑ Examine lessons learned from past operating experience and associated root causes, risk insights, and corrective actions
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Proposed Regulatory Framework

- ❑ Propose enhancements to procedures, organizational review and evaluation methods, sources of information, and methods to better communicate operating experience information
 - ❑ Provide recommendations to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of materials oversight programs, including matters related to duplication of effort and burden reduction
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Focus Questions

- ❑ How can operating experience information be better communicated between NRC and Agreement States?
- ❑ How can operating experience information and trending optimize NRC and Agreement State resource utilization?
- ❑ How can risk insights be better integrated into regulatory decision making?

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National Materials Program Pilot Project 5:

Implementation of Phase II Recommendations
NRC Inspection Manual,
Temporary Instruction 2800/033,
Revised Materials Inspection Program

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Phase I and II Reports

- The Phase I Report (11/00) identified specific recommendations for materials licensing & inspection programs
 - Phase II (8/01) resulted in staff initiatives, benchmarking with other federal agencies, National Materials Working Group, and specific recommendations for changes to the Materials Inspection Program
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Phase II Recommendations for IMC 2800

The following were selected as “quick hits”:

- ☐ II-5 Revise inspection priorities
 - ☐ II-9 Empower inspectors
 - ☐ II-10 Streamline inspection preparation
 - ☐ II-11 Revise initial inspections
 - ☐ II-12 Revise field office inspections
 - ☐ II-16 Expand the use of NRC Form 591
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7 Risk-Informed Focus Elements

INSPECTION PROCEDURES

- ☐ 1) Security and control of licensed material;
 - ☐ 2) Shielding of licensed material;
 - ☐ 3) Comprehensive safety measures;
 - ☐ 4) Radiation dosimetry program;
 - ☐ 5) Radiation instrumentation and surveys;
 - ☐ 6) Radiation safety training and practices;
and
 - ☐ 7) Management oversight
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How do These Changes Affect the Inspection Process

- ❑ Inspection remains a performance-based evaluation of licensee activities rather than a review of records
 - ❑ Changes were instead made in the preparation and documentation of inspections
 - ❑ Evaluation of data generated to date has indicated 14 % FTE reduction overall for the materials inspection program
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Revised Materials Inspection Program--Next Steps

- 2002-03, NRC field testing
 - Revised IMC 2800
 - 12 Inspection Procedures
 - Preliminary Analyses
 - 2003
 - Summer, Final Analysis
 - Fall, Final Versions of IMC 2800 and 12 IPs
 - 2004
 - NMP-Pilot Project Final Report
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Focus Questions

- ❑ What risk-informed or performance-based changes have been implemented in Agreement State materials inspection programs?
 - ❑ What inspection data analyses have been completed to measure effectiveness and efficiency of Agreement States materials inspection programs?
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