

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED AND PLANNED ACTIONS

At a Glance View

The table below provides a high-level summary of the recommended and planned actions that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) staff is pursuing, including actions that do not meet the criteria for Commission approval or for Commission notification (denoted “**”).

Overview of Recommended and Planned ROP Actions by Functional Area

Functional Area	Action	Commission Action Needed?
Assessment Program	Conduct staff work to re-baseline the Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) (includes baseline inspections, engineering inspections, radiation protection inspections, emergency preparedness inspections, and problem identification and resolution inspections).	No
	Grant licensee-identification credit for White findings (Options listed in SECY).	Yes
	Revise the Action Matrix criteria so that multiple White Action Matrix inputs in Column 2 of the Action Matrix do not aggregate to result in assessment in Column 3.	Yes
	Eliminate standalone AARM Commission meeting unless a licensee meets criteria of MD 8.14 (Options listed in SECY)	Yes
Cross-Cutting Issues Program	Characterize inspection findings by cross-cutting area vice cross-cutting aspect (Options listed in SECY).	Yes
Operator Licensing	Modify the guidance to shift away from each NRC region preparing at least one power reactor initial operator licensing examination per year (Options listed in SECY).	Yes
Inspection Program	Revise guidance to allow hybrid team inspections: one week onsite and one week remote, except for the CETI.	No
	Consolidate traditional enforcement follow-up inspections, eliminating Inspection Procedures (IPs) 92722 and 92723 as duplicative.	No
	Revise guidance for entrance and exit meetings to clarify expectations for when to conduct them remotely.	No*
	Revise guidance on when minimum inspection samples may be appropriate based on risk or licensee performance.	No*
	Reduce documentation requirements for Green and Severity Level IV non-cited violations.	No*
	Reduce the Comprehensive Engineering Team Inspection (CETI) by one inspector.	No
	Minimize dual path processing of ROP and traditional enforcement violations.	No*
	Revise the inspection frequency for IP 71130.07, “Security Training,” from biennial to triennial.	No

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Security Inspection Program	Reduce force-on-force inspections from two NRC-conducted exercises to one NRC-conducted exercise and an enhanced inspection of a licensee-conducted exercise.	Yes ¹
	Revise baseline security significance determination process to better incorporate risk insights and ensure more consistent, predictable results.	Yes ²
	Enhance the Security Issues Forum process, which is a process used to resolve security inspection-related questions and reduce the hours spent on evaluating inspection issues.	No*
	Remove IP 71130.06, "Protection of Safeguards Information," from the baseline inspection program and place it in Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 2201 Appendix C (generic, special, and infrequent inspections).	No
	Revise the frequency of the cybersecurity baseline inspections from biennial to triennial and adjust the resources for effectiveness and efficiency.	No

¹ SRM-COMSECY-19-0006, "Revised Security Inspection Program Framework (Option 3) in Response to SRM-17-0100," dated May 17, 2024, (ML24138A045).

² The recommendations for revising this process will be provided to the Commission in a notation vote paper in calendar year 2025.