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on 05/13/26

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS BI-MONTHLY PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON APRIL 23, 2026

On April 23, 2026, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) held its bi-monthly public meeting with the Nuclear Energy Institute's (NEI's) Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) Task Force executives, senior industry executives, and external stakeholders to discuss the staff's progress on initiatives related to the ROP. The meeting notice and agenda are located at [ML26111A330](#).

Implementation Update: ROP Baseline Inspection Program Revisions

The NRC provided an update on major revisions to the ROP Baseline Inspection Program, reflecting extensive input from inspectors to streamline and modernize the program. The NRC staff highlighted the consolidation and sunseting of several inspection procedures and described the shift toward a more risk-informed, efficient, and flexible inspection framework that reduces redundant verification and strengthens integration across related inspection activities. The key updates included a new triennial engineering inspection procedure, redistribution of performance indicator verification activities, and incorporation of previously standalone elements, such as flood protection, maintenance effectiveness, and plant modifications, into existing inspection procedures. The staff announced the implementation timeline for the new and updated inspection procedures to be July 1, 2026, along with supporting actions such as updated guidance, staff training, and alignment of ongoing inspection work.

The NRC presented an update to the ongoing revisions to the more-than-Minor determination step of the inspection issue screening process. The NRC staff presented the current approach to the more-than-Minor determination, provided an overview of the upcoming revised approach, discussed rollout and implementation plans, and highlighted an upcoming public meeting scheduled for May 28, 2026, in which the NRC will discuss the new issue screening documents and process in more detail.

Security Baseline Inspection Program

The NRC presented the revised security baseline inspection program, as approved by the Commission in SRM-SECY-26-0015, “Recommendations for Revising the Security Baseline Inspection Program Including the Force-on-Force Inspection Program” ([ML26092A381](#)). The presentation included a description of revisions to the proposed security baseline inspection procedures since the last public meeting discussion in December 2025, and other changes as directed by the Commission regarding the security inspection program. Questions and comments from the industry and members of the public were general in nature.

Problem Identification and Resolution and Engineering Inspection Procedure Changes

The NRC discussed the changes to IP 71152, “Problem Identification and Resolution (PI&R)” and IP 71111.21T, “Engineering Safety Performance Inspection” due to Commission direction in SRM-SECY-25-0045 ([ML26026A351](#)) and SRM-SECY-26-0014 ([ML26084A403](#)). NRC staff stated that the PI&R team inspection in IP 71152 will be maintained, the frequency shifted to triennial, the team size reduced by two members, and the scope narrowed to focus on licensee corrective action programs. The NRC staff also discussed that the remaining areas of the team inspection will be retained and classified as optional annual follow-up samples. In addition, the staff discussed that an inspection requirement was added for follow-up of licensee-identified White findings. The NRC staff also discussed the engineering team inspection changes. Specifically, the frequency of the inspection was shifted to triennial. Finally, the NRC staff discussed that the technical content and scope of the inspection had not significantly changed since the draft version of the procedure was made publicly available late last year.

ROP White Papers and Unplanned Power Change Performance Indicator FAQ

NEI submitted two white papers recommending elimination of the Unplanned Scram with Complications (USwC) performance indicator (PI) ([ML26110A155](#)) and the Mitigating System Performance Index (MSPI) PI ([ML26118A064](#)). The recommendations contained in these white papers are in support of the initial plan for a comprehensive review of PIs described in SECY-25-0045. That effort was amended in SECY-26-0014 to only review current individual PIs on a case-by-case basis. The NRC acknowledged receipt of the white papers.

ROP FAQ 26-01 ([ML26110A164](#)) was submitted requesting clarity to the Unplanned Power Changes per 7000 Critical Hours PI. Following a plant runback at Hatch that resulted in power stabilizing just below the greater than 20% power change criteria, a power control band of approximately 78% to 82% was established accounting for expected xenon behavior and reactivity control in accordance with established procedures. The industry position is that the subsequent effects of xenon and establishment of the power control band should not be included in the >20% criteria.

The Next ROP Meeting

The next regularly scheduled ROP bi-monthly public meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 28, 2026.

Communicating with the NRC Staff

At the start of all ROP public meetings, the project manager provides contact information for the public to use to provide their name and affiliation as a participant in the meeting. This contact

information is also provided for submitting questions and comments to the NRC staff. Please note that any questions and/or comments pertaining to the ROP can be sent to Mr. Brian Benney at Brian.Benney@nrc.gov. The "Contact Us about ROP" page on the ROP public website can also be used to submit questions and comments regarding the ROP (<https://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/oversight/contactus.html>).

Conclusion

The industry representatives expressed appreciation for the open dialogue and willingness of NRC staff to hear industry views. The NRC management stressed the importance of the NRC being focused on providing reasonable assurance of public health and safety when considering changes to the ROP.

The enclosure provides the attendance list for this meeting.

Enclosure:
As stated

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LIST OF ATTENDEES

REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS BI-MONTHLY PUBLIC MEETING

April 23, 2026 - 9:00 AM to Noon

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| Aaron Kostick | NRC |
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