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MEMORANDUM TO: Ami Agrawal, Chief
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Office of the Chief Nuclear Reactor Inspector

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FROM: Eric Brothman, Reactor Operations Engineer
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Signed by Eric Brothman on
08/18/26

SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF THE REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS
BIMONTHLY PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON JULY 23, 2026

On July 23, 2026, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) held its bimonthly 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 [ML26198A142](#). The presentation for the meeting is located at [ML26198A275](#).

NRC Oversight and Inspection Performance Goals and Indicators

The NRC staff discussed agency metric 1.1.3, which measures the timeliness of resolving very low significance issues. The staff reiterated that the 1.1.3 metric does not dictate how issues are dispositioned; rather, it establishes a target of 45 days to monitor whether issues questions or issues that remain open following the end of planned inspection activities are resolved in a timely manner.

Revised ROP Implementation and Inspection Program Improvements

The NRC staff discussed implementation of the revised ROP that went into effect July 1, 2026. The discussion reiterated several key points including retaining two resident inspectors at each site, updating and consolidating inspection procedures, training inspectors, and adjusting the frequency of certain inspections across the various inspection programs.

The revised more-than-Minor screening process took effect May 18 for most inspection issues, as discussed at the May 28 ROP public meeting ([ML26146A202](#)). The baseline security SDP revision ([ML25321A507](#)) became effective July 9. At the time of the meeting, interim radiation protection significance determination process guidance remained in effect pending further updates. Staff and industry representatives reported that the objective criteria were working well and supporting timely, consistent issue resolution.

Participants also discussed Inspection Manual Chapter (IMC) 0609 Appendix M, Significance Determination Process Using Qualitative Criteria, ([ML26104A368](#)), SRA involvement, and risk-informed completion times..

Operating Experience Data Collection

Participants discussed whether minor issues that are not documented in inspection reports would remain available for operating experience. NRC staff stated that a data-collection process has been established through guidance to inspectors in the publicly available memo, "Interim Inspection Manual Chapter Guidance Regarding Minor Violations and the Reactor Program System" ([ML26188A098](#)) to capture relevant issues that would otherwise screen as minor. The information will help the NRC evaluate the effects of the revised screening process and determine whether future adjustments are necessary.

Force-on-Force Inspection Revision

The NRC staff discussed revisions to the triennial force-on-force inspection program, which now includes one NRC-conducted exercise and NRC observation of a separate licensee-conducted exercise. Exercise assessments will emphasize readiness, continuous learning, and corrective actions rather than effective or ineffective labels. Greater licensee involvement in scenario development is planned for January 2027.

Current and Future ROP Work

The NRC staff discussed ADVANCE Act Section 507 initiatives, including streamlining ROP self-assessments, using artificial intelligence to better focus inspection resources, and reviewing supplemental and reactive inspections. Planned work also includes improving inspector refresher training, periodically evaluating training effectiveness, and assessing the cumulative effects of regulatory changes within 24 months after issuance of the final rules implementing Executive Order 14300..

Status of the Hatch Frequently Asked Question and White Papers

The staff provided an update of its review of the Mitigating Systems Performance Index (MSPI) white paper ([ML26118A064](#)). The white paper recommended retiring the MSPI performance indicator. The staff acknowledged that the frequently asked question was under review and consideration was being given of the significant oversight changes recently implemented.

Reorganization to Form the Office of the Chief Nuclear Reactor Inspector

The NRC staff discussed the June 15, 2026, reorganization, which created the Office of Advanced Reactors and the Office of the Chief Nuclear Reactor Inspector (CNRI) to improve organizational alignment, decision-making, and efficiency. Operating reactor oversight and security, emergency preparedness, and radiation protection inspection functions were aligned under CNRI, while regional inspectors continue to report through Regional Administrators. Technical training functions, including the Technical Training Center, moved to the Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research.

Overview of the EGM/IN on Uncoordinated Circuits

The NRC staff briefly discussed an Information Notice (IN) and an Enforcement Guidance Memorandum (EGM) related to recent inspection findings concerning improperly sized circuit protective devices for cables associated by common enclosure. The purpose of the EN and

EGM were to highlight that enforcement discretion be exercised given that resolving these findings involve significant NRC and licensee resources. The staff stated that the IN and EGM are intended to resolve the technical issue more efficiently. Industry representatives were supportive of the staff's efforts and there were no comments from the public. IN 2026-04, "Recent Information Regarding Potential Circuit Failure-Induced Equipment Damage or Secondary Fires," can be found in ADAMS at [ML26168A502](#). EGM 2026-001, "Enforcement Discretion Not to Cite Certain Violations of 10 CFR 50.48 and 10 CFR 50.72 Involving Uncoordinated Circuit Interruption Devices," can be found in ADAMS at [ML26195A240](#).

The Next ROP Meeting

The next regularly scheduled ROP bimonthly public meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 24, 2026.

Communicating with the NRC Staff

At the start of all ROP public meetings, the meeting coordinator provides contact information for members of the public to identify themselves and their affiliations. This contact information may also be used to submit questions and comments to the NRC staff. Questions or comments concerning the ROP may be sent to Mr. Eric Brothman at Eric.Brothman@nrc.gov. The [Contact Us about ROP](#) page on the NRC's public website may also be used to submit questions and comments regarding the ROP.

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

LIST OF ATTENDEES
REACTOR OVERSIGHT PROCESS BIMONTHLY PUBLIC MEETING
July 23, 2026 - 9:00 a.m. to Noon

NAME	Organization
Alan Dahbur	NRC
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Alex Garmoe	NRC
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Amanda Sorensen	PG&E
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Bill Stuckart	NRC
Bob Walden	NRC
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Carrie J Seipp	Xcel Energy
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Ellery Coffman	NRC
Eric Brothman	NRC
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Heather Jones	NRC
Heather Stone	Holtec
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James Gaslevic	NRC
James Hartman	NRC
James T Zapetis	Constellation
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Jay Bodnar	NEI
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Jeff Correll	NRC
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Jim Beardsley	NRC
Jonathan Fiske	NRC
Joon Park	NRC
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Joylynn Quinones-Navarro	NRC
Julio Lara	NRC
Justin Bowden	NRC
Justin W Knowles	Constellation
Justin Wearne	NEI (on loan from PSEG)
Keion Henry	NRC
Kenneth Mack	Florida Power & Light
Larry Jones	NRC
Laura Boyce	Duke Energy
Lauren D Helstosky	Dominion Energy
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Russ Cassara	NRC
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Sean Zalesny	NEI
Shakur Walker	NRC
Shane Sandal	NRC
Shawn Kirven	PG&E
Sheryl Sweet	Florida Power & Light
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