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RIII Breakout

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Session Topics

- Inspection Planning
- Notices of Enforcement Discretion
- Significance Determination Process
- Public Meeting Communications

Inspection Planning (NRC)

- Annual Regional Inspection Plan Specifies Baseline, Supplemental, and Event Response
- Individual Site Inspection Plans Issued Every 6 Months and Project One Year in Advance
- Site Inspection Plans Will Vary Each Year Due to Team Inspections and Operator Licensing Activities
- Specific Inspection Plans (including selected systems or focus areas) Are Developed Approximately 6 Weeks In Advance

Notices of Enforcement Discretion (NRC)

- Part 9900 Guidance Revised 11/01 - “No Net Increase in Radiological Risk”
- Early Communications with NRC Regional Office and Headquarters Critical
- Importance of Accurate and Complete Technical Information for NRC Decision Making
- Follow Through on Commitments for Compensatory Actions is Critical

Significance Determination Process (NRC)

- NRC's Goal is Timely, Accurate, and Understandable SDP Evaluations
- Independent Licensee Evaluation of Potentially Significant Findings is Important to the Process
- NRC Working on Tools for Continued Improvement of the SDPs

Public Meeting Communications (NRC)

- NRC is Enhancing Public Participation in NRC Meetings as Described in SECY 01-0137 and NRC Press Release 02-010
- Public Participation in End of Cycle Meetings Will Expand Due to Revised NRC Guidance
- Both NRC and Licensee Preparation Should Consider Issues of Potential Public Interest
- EOC Meetings - Encourage Licensees to Provide Their Own Assessment of Plant Performance

Inspection Planning (Licensee)

How Can Inspection Planning be Improved?

- Accuracy of Inspection Planning
- Timeliness of Advance Notification
- Reasonableness of NRC Expectations for Response to Information Requests
- Inspection Hours
- Use of Trainees and Observers

Notices of Enforcement Discretion (Licensee)

- Common Understanding of “Any Net Increase in Risk”
- Rules of Engagement
- Perceptions of What’s Happening on the Other End of the Phone
- Accurate Communication and Understanding of Compensatory Measures

Significance Determination Process (Licensee)

- At Power SDPs (e.g., Mitigating Systems and Barrier Integrity) Work Very Well With Rational and Predictable Results
- Other SDPs Are Subjective and Results Are More Variable
- RIII SRAs Are Very Effective

Public Meeting Communications (Licensee)

- What's the Experience?
- Is There a Problem?
- Is the Public Being Adequately Informed of Plant Status or Problems?
- NRC/Utility Credibility With the Public