

RIC 2004

Operating Experience

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“Internal Operating Experience Communications”

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NRC Operating Experience

■ Task Force

■ Functional elements of sound OE exist

- Short term, long term efforts of identifying safety issues
- Assessing significance
- Taking actions to address the issues

■ Effectiveness

■ Work in concert with agency

- Inspection, licensing, research programs

NRC Operating Experience

- Improvements made in parallel with Task Force efforts
 - RES new web page – public
 - <http://nrcoe.inel.gov/index.cfm>
 - NRR new web page – internal
 - Some proprietary information
 - INPO, IAEA, Predecisional Briefings
 - Most publicly available
 - <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/event-status/>
 - <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/gen-comm/index.html>

NRC Operating Experience

- Organizational realignment of OE function with inspection program
- Improved communication to end users
 - Subscription email in topical areas
 - Designated points of contact

NRC Operating Experience

- Going Forward
 - Implementation plan developed by April '04
 - Framework for new program December '04

Changes Directly Affecting Industry

- Task Force concluded that existing requirements governing licensee review of OE were adequate
- Inspection Procedure 71552, “Identification and Resolution of Problems” Revised
 - Mandatory sampling of generic communication actions biennially

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- Expect more direct follow-up of actions taken in response to generic communications