

**RIC 2004**  
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# **POSITIVE ATTRIBUTES OF ROP**

- BASIS FOR INSPECTABLE AREAS
- BUILT IN DIALOGUE ON CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT
- MORE FOCUSED ON RISK INFORMED
- OPEN PROCESS
- PLANT ASSESSMENT BASED ON MEASURABLE OUTPUTS

# **TOP FIVE AREAS FOR FOCUSING IMPROVEMENT EFFORTS**

- MORE CLEARLY DEFINE CRITERION FOR CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES
- KEEPING SDP ON TARGET AS A TOOL
- MANAGING TIMELINESS OF FINDINGS EVALUATIONS

# TOP FIVE AREAS (cont'd)

- EARLY DETECTION OF ENGINEERING ISSUES
  - DESIGN CONTROL
  - MATERIAL DEGRADATION
  - EQUIPMENT AGING
- COMMUNICATION BETWEEN SENIOR MANAGERS
  - BASIS FOR DECISIONS
  - HEADS UP