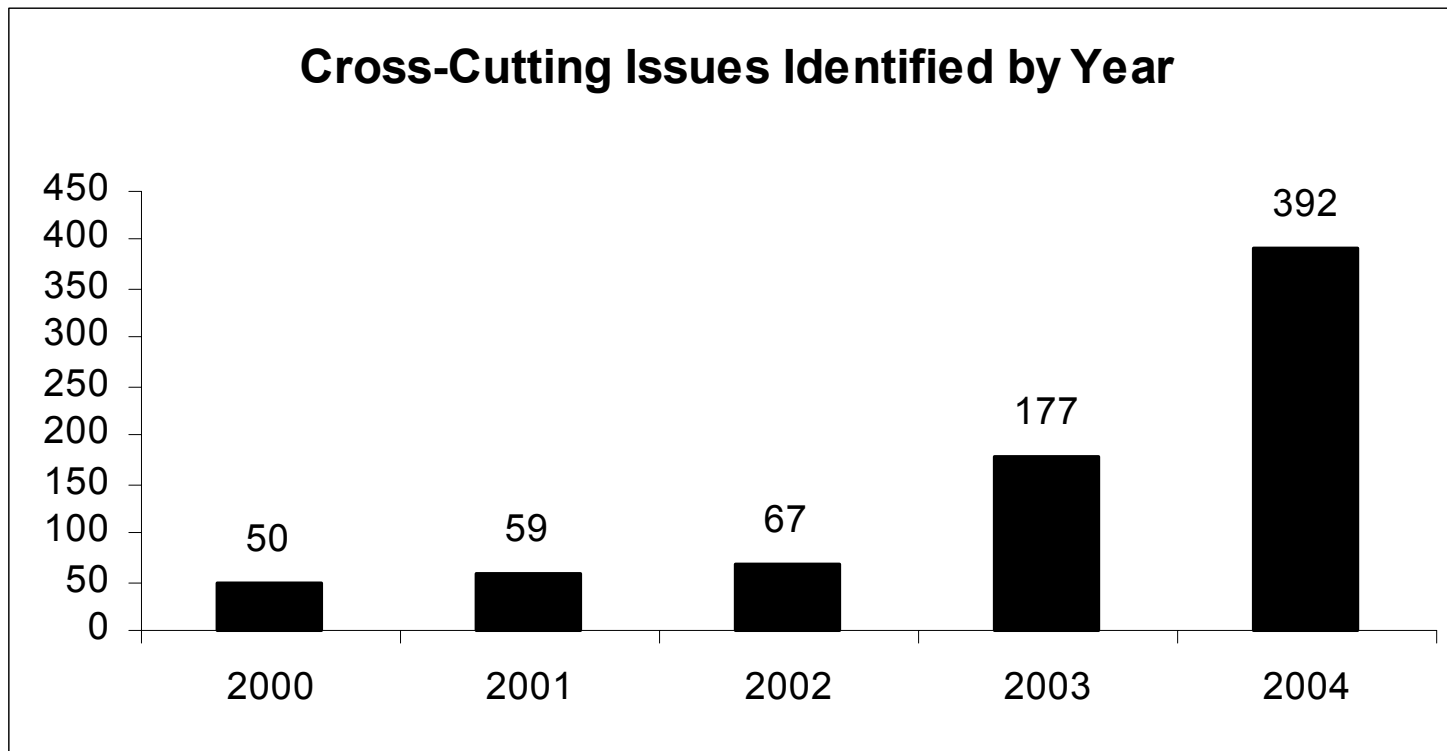


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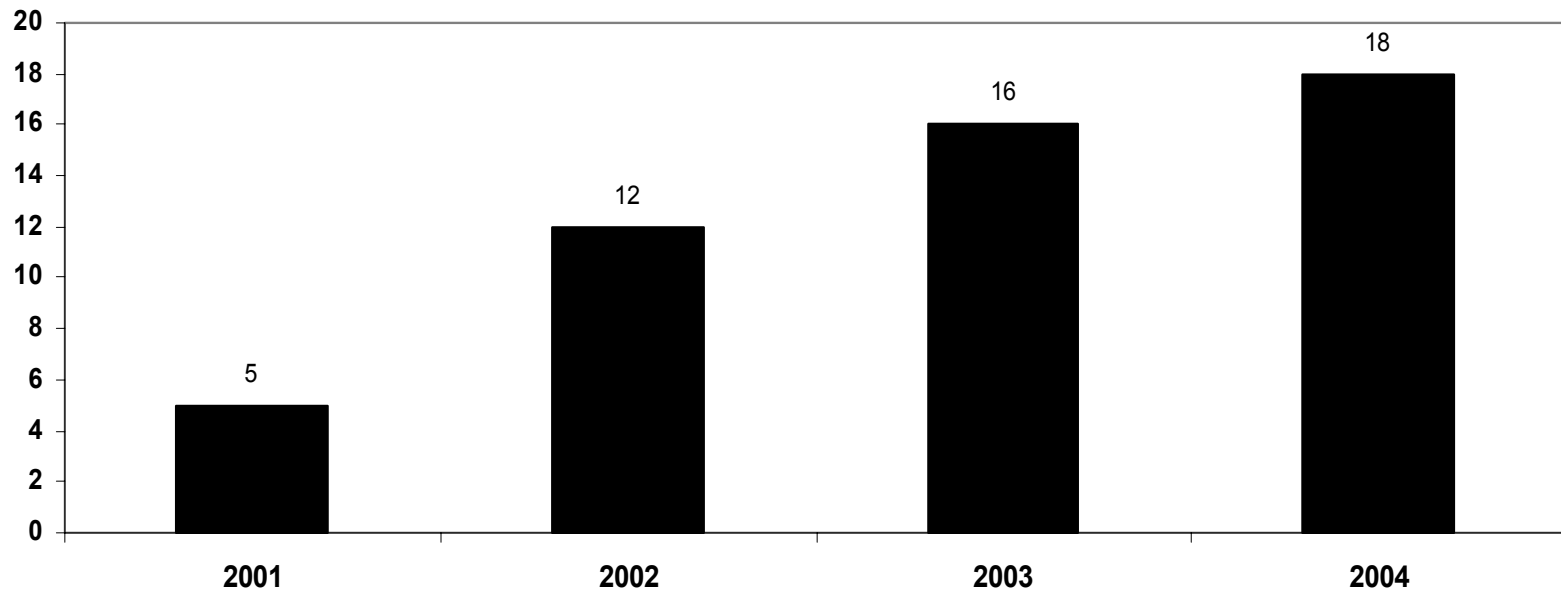


The number of cross-cutting issues has increased dramatically

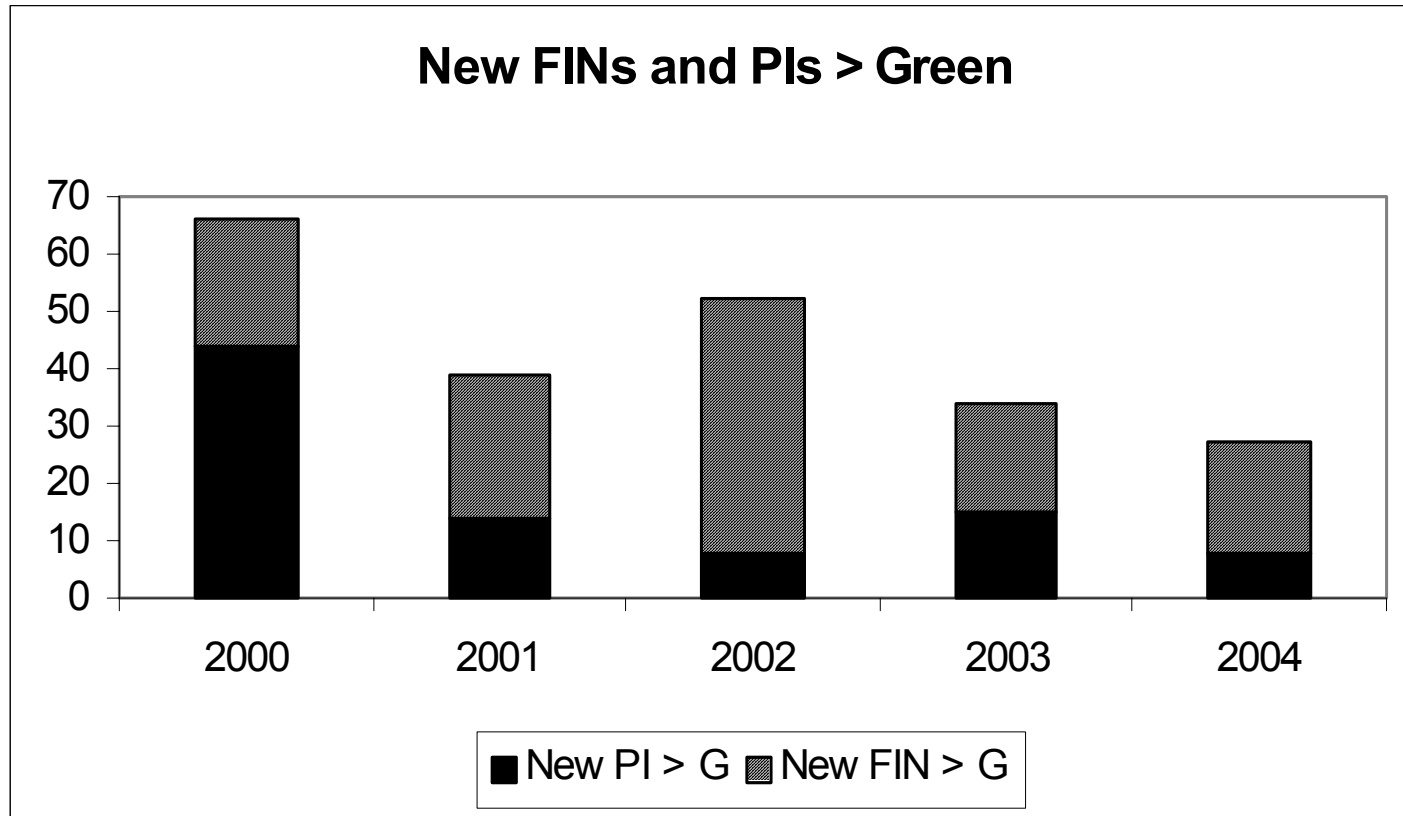


And so has the number of substantive cross-cutting issues

Substantive Crosscutting Annual Assessment Letters



However ROP safety outcomes have not changed



Industry concerns

- Management does not take substantive cross-cutting issues lightly
 - Negative public perception
 - Being blindsided by unclear standards
 - How do you get out of the box?
- Lumping greens (3 insignificant items are still insignificant)
- Lack of clear guidance on what constitutes a cross-cutting issue worth lumping



Conclusion:

- We need to do more work to:
 - Understand what a cross-cutting issue is
 - Understand what a substantial cross-cutting issue is
- Recommendation: Form an NRC/
stakeholders task force to study this area