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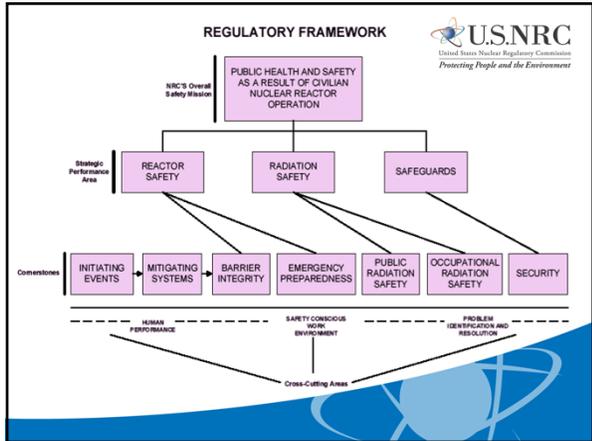
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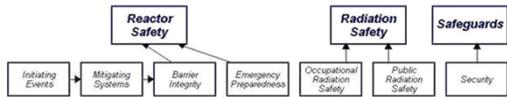---

REGULATORY FRAMEWORK

Background

- Reactor Oversight Process (ROP) originally developed to assess all performance areas.
- Assessment process revised in 2005 to institute a separate assessment process for security
- Separate assessment processes present potential programmatic constraints in the NRC's regulatory response
  - NRC proposed to reintegrate security June 5, 2011
  - Commission approved proposal July 20, 2011
- One Action Matrix
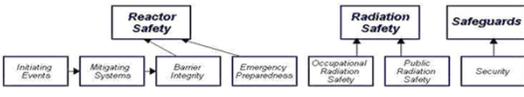
What Does This Mean?

- What Changes?
  - Assessment Letters
  - NRC's Public Outreach
  - Changes to ROP Guidance
  - Changes to the ROP Public Website
- What Does NOT Change?
  - Sensitive, security-related information still protected

Example Inspection Findings Web Page

Example Inspection Performance Indicator Web Page

Timeline

- March 2012 – Issue information describing change
- June 2012 – Issue new revisions of reactor and security assessment programs
- July 1, 2012 – Reintegration effective
- August 2012 – Update website to reflect reintegration along with 2nd quarter 2012 data
- August 2012 – Conduct performance reviews using integrated assessment

Affected Documents

- Reactor assessment program will be revised to reincorporate the Security cornerstone.
- Security assessment program will be suspended and will reference the reactor assessment program.
- Conforming changes to other ROP documents will be made
  - ROP Basis Document
  - Administrative Guidance

Communication

- NRC has discussed reintegration at previous industry meetings and will continue to provide status updates during future meetings
- NRC is preparing a Regulatory Issue Summary
- NRC will issue a public press release
- NRC is preparing a communication plan for internal use
- Other communication venues may be considered

Key Messages

- Return to original framework
- Holistic approach to performance assessment
- Publicly-available information <u>only</u>
- Value of outreach, early and often
- Perceived new inputs