



RIC 2012 Safety Culture Activities

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Discussion Topics

- Current Approach
- 2011 Accomplishments
- Next Steps
- Summary

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Current Approach in the ROP

- Background
- Commission Direction
 - Evaluate safety culture for plants with significant performance issues
 - Enhance ROP's treatment of cross-cutting issues to more fully address safety culture
 - Be consistent with principles that guided development of the ROP.

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Current Approach in the ROP (Continued)

- Current Approach
 - Review of plant's safety culture in a graded manner based on plant performance.
 - Evaluation of licensee's response to an event as part of a reactive inspection.
 - Review of licensee's safety culture in cases where there are long-standing substantive cross-cutting issues.

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2011 Accomplishments

- Development of a safety culture assessor qualification card for inspectors.
- December workshop with industry: Development of a common language for power reactors.
- Continue to update ROP guidance and inspection documents for consistency with policy statement and common language.

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Next Steps

- Continue to work with stakeholders to refine the common language and incorporate it, as appropriate, into the ROP guidance documents.
- Continue to observe, review and provide feedback on industry initiatives in NEI 09-07 and the industry Nuclear Safety Culture Assessment process.
- Continue to update ROP guidance documents and inspector training to reflect common language and the policy statement.

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Summary

- Current process is working well.
- Licensees have the primary responsibility for safety culture.
- NRC will continue to have independent oversight of licensee safety culture.

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Summary (Continued)

- Current treatment of safety culture is consistent with Commission direction and with the current policy statement.
- Common language will be incorporated into the ROP as appropriate.
- NRC will continue to enhance ROP guidance documents, as needed, based on lessons learned and stakeholder feedback.

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