

Changes, Clarifications, and Improvements to the Operability Determination Process

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Discussion Topics

- Industry proposed the following six areas of discussion:
 - operability determination is the licensee's responsibility
 - defining entry criteria
 - separating operability determinations from the corrective action process

Discussion Topics (cont'd)

- Six areas of engagement (cont'd)
 - definitions of terms, such as “specified safety function”
 - operability determination process is separate from code compliance determinations
 - eliminating aspects not specifically tied to operability determination

Discussion Topics (cont'd)

- NRC **not** commenting on or endorsing NEI 18-03, “Operability Determination”
- NRC updating Inspection Manual Chapter 0326, “Operability Determinations & Functionality Assessments for Conditions Adverse to Quality or Safety”

Future Schedule

- April 3rd – Public Meeting in RII
 - ASME Code Compliance Feedback
- June – Public Meeting (Open Items)
- September 2019 – Final Draft Revision of IMC 0326
- October 2019 – Final Revision issued

Thank You

For any questions,

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