



ROP Implementation

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Performance Indicators

- PI Guideline and FAQ Process Effective
- Industry Supports NRC's PI Change Process
- Pilot to Revise Unavailability Indicators
 - Common Definition
 - Problems With Current Indicator
 - Benefits Will Outweigh Burden
 - Potential Stumbling Block



Licensee Self Assessment

- Supports NRC and Industry Goals of Safety, Efficiency, Burden Reduction, and Public Confidence
- LSA Is Not a New Concept
- Industry Initiatives in Self Assessment
- IIEP Recommended LSA
- Proposed Approach



Assessment Process

- ROP Provides Stability and Consistency to the Regulatory Environment
- Concur With Staff Conclusion on Cross-cutting Issues
- Graded Reset of Inspection Findings
- Scope of Verification of Old Design Issues

Significance Determination Process

- Superior Process for Assessing Issue Importance
- Retain Phase 2
- Can Be Enhanced by Licensee Involvement Earlier in Process
- Workshop on SDP “Lessons Learned”
- “Potentially Greater Than Green”



Conclusions

- Overall Process Tremendous Improvement Over SALP
- Safety Focus Much Improved
- Backlog of Enhancements to Work Through to Make It More Effective