



Stakeholder Briefing on New Nuclear Plants

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Building Stakeholder Confidence in Part 52

- Efficient, predictable processes for early site permits and combined licenses
- Efficient construction inspection and ITAAC verification processes
- Predictable and transparent transition to operation
- Completion of Part 52 “lessons-learned” rulemaking, including related petitions



Towards an Efficient, Predictable ESP Process

- Management of multiple concurrent ESP applications and reviews
 - Efficient use of industry and NRC resources
 - Open /transparent process for all stakeholders
 - Development of industry guidance for ESP submittals
 - Coordinated interactions on common issues via NEI
 - Use of license renewal experience, including development of a nominal schedule for ESP reviews
 - Timely documentation of issue resolutions to support preparation of ESP applications



Efficient NRC CIP and ITAAC Verification

- NRC staff comments on Nov. 20, 2001, draft industry white paper
- Goals for detailed follow-up:
 - Provide input to NRC development of updated inspection guidance
 - Documentation via SECY/SRM of common understandings on 10 CFR 52.99 & 52.103 implementation
- Key policy issue: Appropriate finality of NRC ITAAC sign-offs



Predictable and Transparent Transition to Operation

- Comprehensive industry white paper also addresses:
 - NRC verification of operational program readiness
 - Transition to operation under Part 52
- Key policy issue: Required scope of COL ITAAC (“programmatic” ITAAC)
 - Additional policy issue:
 - ◆ Need for NRR approval of low power testing and full power operations
 - ◆ Part of COL form and content approved in Sept. 5, 2000, SRM on SECY-00-0092



Part 52 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

- Expected focus on Part 52 “lessons learned,” enhancements and clarifications
- Need timely disposition of July 2001 petitions for rulemaking and integration, as appropriate, in the final Part 52 rule
 - Elimination of duplicative NRC reviews and hearings (PRM-52-1)
 - Elimination of reviews for alternate sites, sources and need for power (PRM-52-2)



Keys Going Forward

- Continued NRC leadership in maintaining safety while ensuring efficient licensing processes
- Constructive industry and stakeholder interactions with NRC
- Vigilance to ensure safety focus, efficiency and certainty

