Briefing on NRR Programs, Performance, and Plans

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Acronyms for Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation Programs Briefing

ACRS Advisory Committee on Reactor Safety

ADAMS Agencywide Documents Access and Management System

ANPR Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

BNL Brookhaven National Laboratory

BWR Boiling Water Reactor

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
CNS Convention on Nuclear Safety
CWP Centralized Work Planning

CY Calendar Year

DEDO Deputy Executive Director for Operations
DEIS Draft Environmental Impact Statement
EIS Environmental Impact Statement

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EPU Extended Power Uprate

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FR Federal Register
FRN Federal Register Notice

FY Fiscal Year

GALL Generic Aging Lessons Learned Report

GL Generic Letter

GPRA Government Performance and Results Act

GSI Generic Safety Issue

IAEA International Atomic Energy Agency
INPO Institute for Nuclear Power Operations

IT Information Technology MD Management Directive

MUR Measurement Uncertainty Recapture Power Uprates

NEA Nuclear Energy Agency
NEI Nuclear Energy Institute

NEPA National Environmental Policy Act
NFPA National Fire Protection Association
NRC Nuclear Regulatory Commission
NRR Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation

Acronyms, continued

NTEU **National Treasury Employees Union**

NSIR Office of Nuclear Security and Incident Response

OFDO Office of the Executive Director for Operations

OGC Office of the General Counsel OHR

Office of Human Resources OIG Office of Inspector General

OIP Office of International Programs

OMB Office of Management and Budget

ΟΡΔ Office of Public Affairs

OSART Operational Safety Assessment Review Team

PART **Program Assessment Rating Tool**

PBPM Planning, Budgeting, and Performance Management

PWR Pressurized Water Reactor R&R Roles and Responsibility

RΔI **Request for Additional Information**

RES Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research RIC Regulatory Information Conference

ROETF **Reactor Operating Experience Task Force**

ROP Reactor Oversight Program RTR Research and Test Reactor

SPU Stretch Power Uprate

SRM Staff Requirements Memorandum

SRP Standard Review Plan

Safety-Security Interface Advisory Panel SSIAP

SWP Strategic Workforce Planning

Agenda

- Mission Statement
- Human Capital Action Plan
- Communications Program
- International Activities
- Streamlining/Efficiencies
- Major Program Accomplishments and Challenges
 - License Amendments
 - Power Uprates
 - License Renewal
 - Rulemaking
 - Progress on Fire Protection
 - Progress on Generic Safety Issue 191
 - Operating Experience
- Summary

Mission Statement

The Office of Nuclear Reactor Regulation supports the NRC mission to protect public health, safety, and the environment by developing and implementing rulemaking, licensing, oversight, and incident response programs for reactors. We conduct these activities in a manner that develops trust and is consistent with the NRC organizational values.

Human Capital Action Plan

- Strategic Alignment
- Work Planning
- Workforce Utilization
- Knowledge Transfer

Communications Program

- Communications Assistant
- Internal Communications
- Public Outreaches
- Communication Tools

International Activities

- Operating Experience
- Convention on Nuclear Safety
- Operational Safety Assessment Review Team
- Bilateral Regulatory and Safety Information Exchanges

Streamlining/Efficiencies

- License Renewal Steering Committee
- Reactor Operating Experience
 Task Force
- Review of Internal Information Needs
- Centralized Work Planning

License Amendments

- Overall licensing performance
- Assessments and improvements in progress
- Integration of security activities into the licensing process

Power Uprates

- Approved 104 uprate applications
 - Approximately 4325 MWe
- Currently under review
 - -12 applications
- Challenges
 - Operating experience feedback
 - Updating Guidance Documents

Reactor License Renewal

- Completed: 30 reactors
- Reviewing: 18 reactors
- Continuing audit process
- Implementing process improvements

Recent Rulemaking Accomplishments

- 50.48, Final Rule –National Fire Protection Association 805
- 50.48, Proposed Rule Fire Protection Manual Actions
- 50.69, Final Rule Special Treatment
- 50.46, Proposed Rule Break Size Redefinition

Rulemaking Challenges

- Part 26, Proposed Rule Fitnessfor-Duty
- Part 73, Security Rules
- Part 52, New Reactor Update

Fire Protection Activities

- Risk-Informed Performance-Based Rule Application
- Post-Fire Safe-Shutdown Circuit Analysis
- Emerging Issues

Generic Safety Issue (GSI)-191

- Reviewed Bulletin 2003-01 responses
- Reviewed Generic Letter (GL) 2004-02 90-day responses
- Evaluation of September 2005 GL analysis results and corrective actions

Operating Experience

- New Program Implemented
- Technical Teams Formation
- International Cooperation

Summary

- Future policy issues
- Challenges
- Commitment to continuous improvement to address challenges