

Admin/Security

- Sign-in? See desk at Auditorium entrance
- Security Condition Orange, Escorts required if not direct between Lobby level and Auditorium
- AM/Breaks Bathrooms outside Auditorium; coffee in cafeteria on lobby level
- Lunch If go to car, exit via OWFN/TWFN front desk
If leave building, turn in badge at front desk
Cafeteria on lobby level; several restaurants in walking distance
- End of day Turn in your badge at front desk!

Conduct of Conference

- Please hold questions until after each presenter finishes
- Use microphones or cards given out at Sign-in
- New! Extended break in AM for networking and small group discussions with NRC people
- New! Bridge Circuit
 - 100 lines; pls put speaker phones on mute and/or minimize background noise
 - No questions please, unless NRC staff or if member of public and email question is being discussed
 - Email questions to Operability_Group@nrc.gov
(Questions may be addressed in PM session)

Introductions

Presenters

- Tom Boyce NRR, Tech Specs Section
- Kerri Kavanagh NRR, Overall NRC lead
- Steve Burton NRC Region III, Navigator flowchart
- Randy Musser NRC Region II, Documentation
- Mike Schoppmann NEI

Selected Issues/Small Group Discussions

- Eileen McKenna NRR/DRIP, 10 CFR 50.59
- Harold Chernoff NRR/DLPM, Alternate Source Term
- Steve LaVie NRR/DSSA, Alternate Source Term
- Eric Reichelt NRR/DE, Operational Leakage / Flaw Evaluation
- Terrence Chan NRR/DE, Operational Leakage / Flaw Evaluation
- Steve Alexander NRR/DIPM, EQ and Maintenance Rule
- Dave Nelson OE, Enforcement

Introductions(cont.)

Operability Review Team Members

- Scott Barber NRC Region I
- Jim Trapp NRC Region I
- Randy Musser NRC Region II
- Binoy Desai NRC Region II
- Steve Burton NRC Region III
- David Dumbacher NRC Region IV

Background

- GL 91-18 issued 1991
 - Two Inspection Manual Chapter Part 9900 Technical Guidance documents
(Operability and Resolution of Degraded and Nonconforming Conditions)
- Revision 1 to GL 91-18 issued 1997
 - Consistency with revision to 10 CFR 50.59, including allowing operation while awaiting NRC review
 - Did not revise IMC 9900 on Operability

Background (cont.)

- NRC Public Workshop August 2003
 - Info gathering workshop vice problem solving workshop
 - Over 125 people; most utilities represented
 - Comments on terminology, scope, selected topics
- NRR/Region Review Team updated Guidance
 - Consolidation/update of two IMC 9900 sections
 - Better structure/focus on process; use of plain(er) language
 - Reconciliation of various issues
 - Change from GL to RIS consistent with current NRC processes and may ease process of future changes
- FRN August 3, 2004
- Workshop August 25, 2004

Intent

- Purpose of Conference:
 - Info dissemination and communication
 - Not problem-solving or plant-specific issues
 - Verbal discussion today not final written guidance
- Goals for Revision to Guidance:
 - Ensure safety
 - Guidance usable to inspectors and plant operators
 - Clarity while recognizing that judgement involved and can't solve every problem
- Inspector Guidance, but also Industry Guidance
 - Expectations vs. Enforceability

Going Forward

- Comments due 10/2/2004
 - Written and electronic procedures on web
 - Copy to Kerri Kavanagh
- Slides and comments posted on web site
 - <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/licensing/techspecs/operability-workshop.html>
- Schedule for issuance of final guidance dependent on comments received
- Questions?
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