

Operability Workshop

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Objective

To discuss and receive preliminary input on the guidance for operability, degraded, and nonconformance issues (GL 91-18).

Background

Over the next few months USNRC will be revising existing guidance to give inspectors direction when reviewing licensee activities directed at either resolving degraded and nonconforming conditions or determining operability in conformance with their technical specifications, and other licensing basis requirements. This guidance will discuss timing, scope, documentation and other aspects of operability determinations whether prepared in support of maintenance activities or as part of licensee actions in response to identification of degraded and nonconforming conditions that might affect operability.

Typically USNRC seeks review and comment of draft guidance after initial formulation. In this case, USNRC wants early participation from a range of contributors on issues, concerns, and suggestions based on operational and other experience before the draft revised guidance is prepared. This workshop will not be the only opportunity to review and comment. Before finalization of the guidance, USNRC will have a period for formal review and comment.