Nuclear Regulatory Commissions Safety Culture Policy Statement

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Overview

- Introduction

- Importance of Safety Culture

- Role of Policy Statement

- Importance of Public Workshops

- Safety Culture Characteristics

- Remaining Steps Policy

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Importance of Safety Culture

- Nexus to Safety

- Historical Events

- Preventing Events

Role of Policy Statement

- Establish NRC Expectations for Safety Culture
  - Materials Licensees and Certificate Holders
  - Reactor Licensees
  - Agreement State Licensees
- Define Safety Culture and Describe Characteristics
- Communicate Roles and Responsibilities

Importance of This Work Shop

Engage Stakeholders:

- Comments on Proposed Policy Statement

- Seek Alignment (Using Common Terminology)
  - Definition of Safety Culture
  - Safety Culture Characteristics

- Clarify Process and Next Steps

Importance of Safety Culture Characteristics

Draft Characteristics

- Work Practices

- Work Planning and Control

- Safety Conscious Work Environment

- Problem Identification and Evaluation

- Problem Resolution

- Resources

- Licensee Decision-Making

- Accountability

- Continuous Learning Environment

Considerations For Characteristics

- Characteristic Clarity

- Unnecessary Duplication

- Missing Characteristics

- Tangible

Remaining Steps

- Continue to Solicit Stakeholder Input
- Submit final policy statement for Commission approval – early March 2011
- After final approval and issuance, focus on implementation

Closing Remarks

- Safety culture is an essential element for anyone performing or overseeing NRC regulated activities

- Licensee management has primary responsibility for establishing and maintaining a positive safety culture

- NRC has independent oversight role

- This Work Shop and Outreach efforts are an important component for developing final policy statement

Questions?