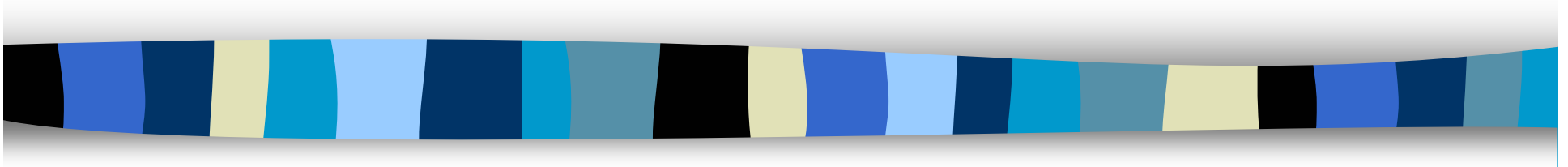


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Breakout Session Kick-off

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# WRITTEN EXAM – 2003 Issues

## ■ Exam Quality

- K/A Mismatches
- SRO Level Questions Matching 10CFR55.43
- Distractor Quality/ Level of Difficulty
- Duplication of Test Item Among 3 Tests in 1 Exam

## ■ Guidance For Resolving Post Exam Test Item Comments

- Basis For Deletions
- Basis To Accept Two Correct Answers (Must Be Logical)

## ■ Measures For Exam Quality Success



# WRITTEN EXAM - Progress

- Revision 9 to Standards Piloted and Issued as Final
- Errata Issued recently
- Update on FAQs now called Operator Licensing Feedback
- Interaction (Examples) sessions continue on a yearly basis wrt Written Test items.



# REQUALIFICATION-2003 Issues

- **Some Minor Issues Discussed**
- **Q & A's developed and addressed**
- **Focus appeared to be on Simulator Session**
- **Medical Questions, permanent disabilities**



# REQUAL - Progress

- INPO Review based on NRC identified issues
  - Findings
  - Anecdotal
- Individual Plant Reviews of main themes of INPO review
- Closer Scrutiny on Exam Quality by Inspectors



# Simulator Issues - 2003

- Gap in understanding of SBT expectations
  - Can we define it
  - Extent of alignment between NRC/Industry
- Verification and Validation
  - Adequacy of past and current tests
  - Lost records from the 80s
- Getting Closer Scrutiny by Inspectors per 7111111B



# Simulator Issues- Progress

- SBT Gap getting better defined
  - Design capability needing to be tested
  - Effectiveness vs. malfunction testing
- Plant events self revealing fidelity issues
- Model changes and V&V – where are we on expectations - like SBT?
- Draft new standard
- Scrutiny by Inspectors continues



# PROJECT MANAGEMENT-2003

## Issues

- Broad Topic - no specific session
- “Level-off” Region 1 Resources Throughout The Year
  - 4 GFES accepted waiting to be implemented in 2004
- How Can We Provide Better Projections For Future Resource Requirements?
  - Cancellation Numbers- Projected Exam vs. Applicants
  - March vs. September vs. End of Fiscal Year Projections

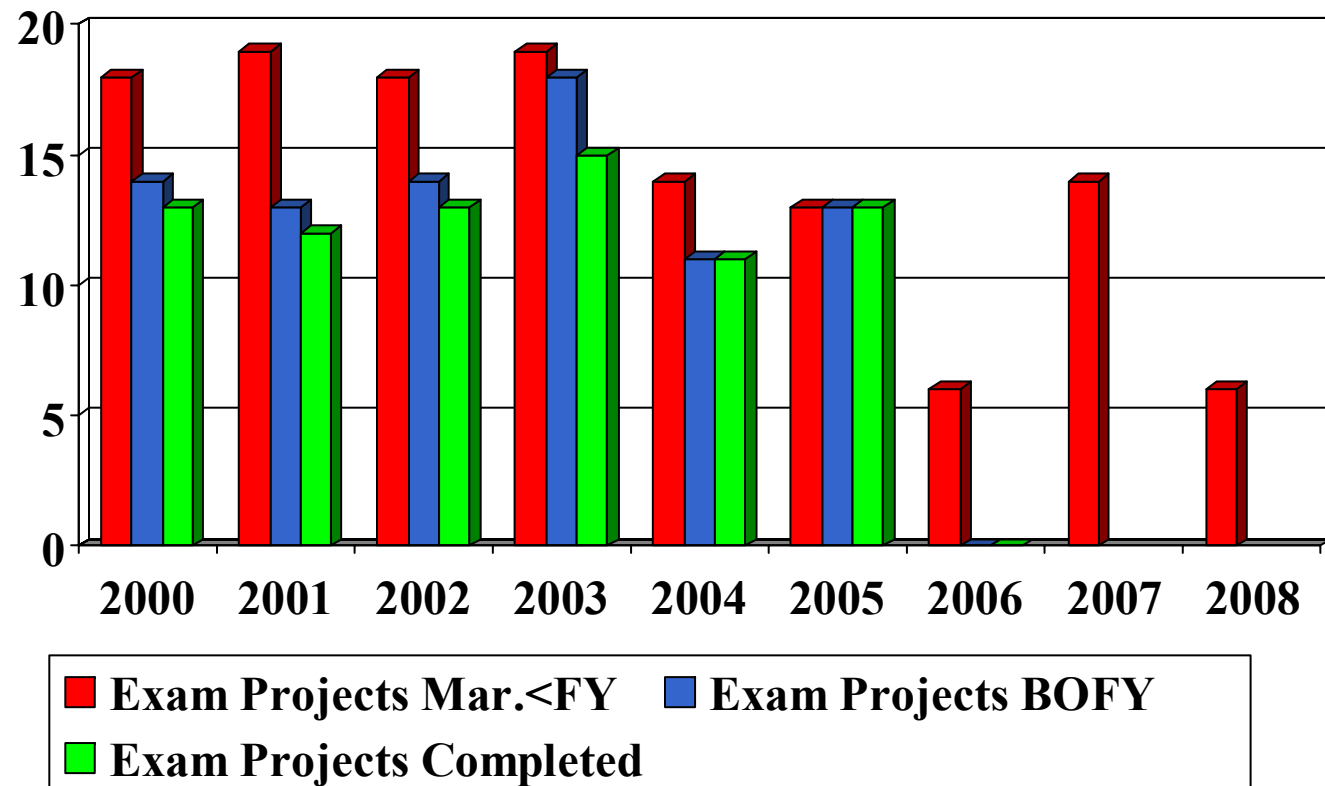




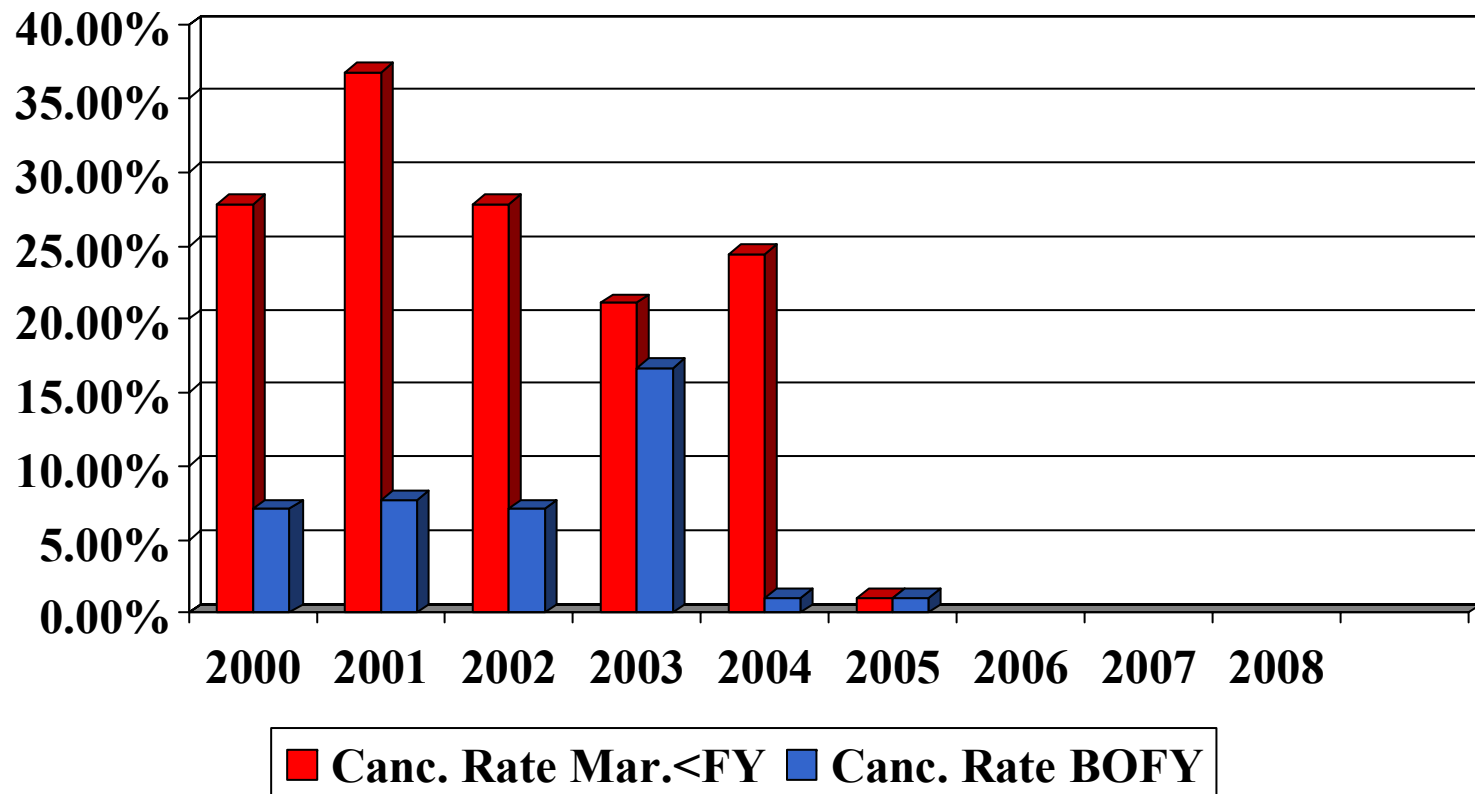
# EXAM PROJECT MANAGEMENT-Progress

- It is time to focus
- Four GFES per year has NOT leveled off resources
- Predictability – Plan for Success
- Dedicated session this year
  - Time allotments
  - Post Exam comments
  - Validate, Validate, Validate
- Split exams - a challenge

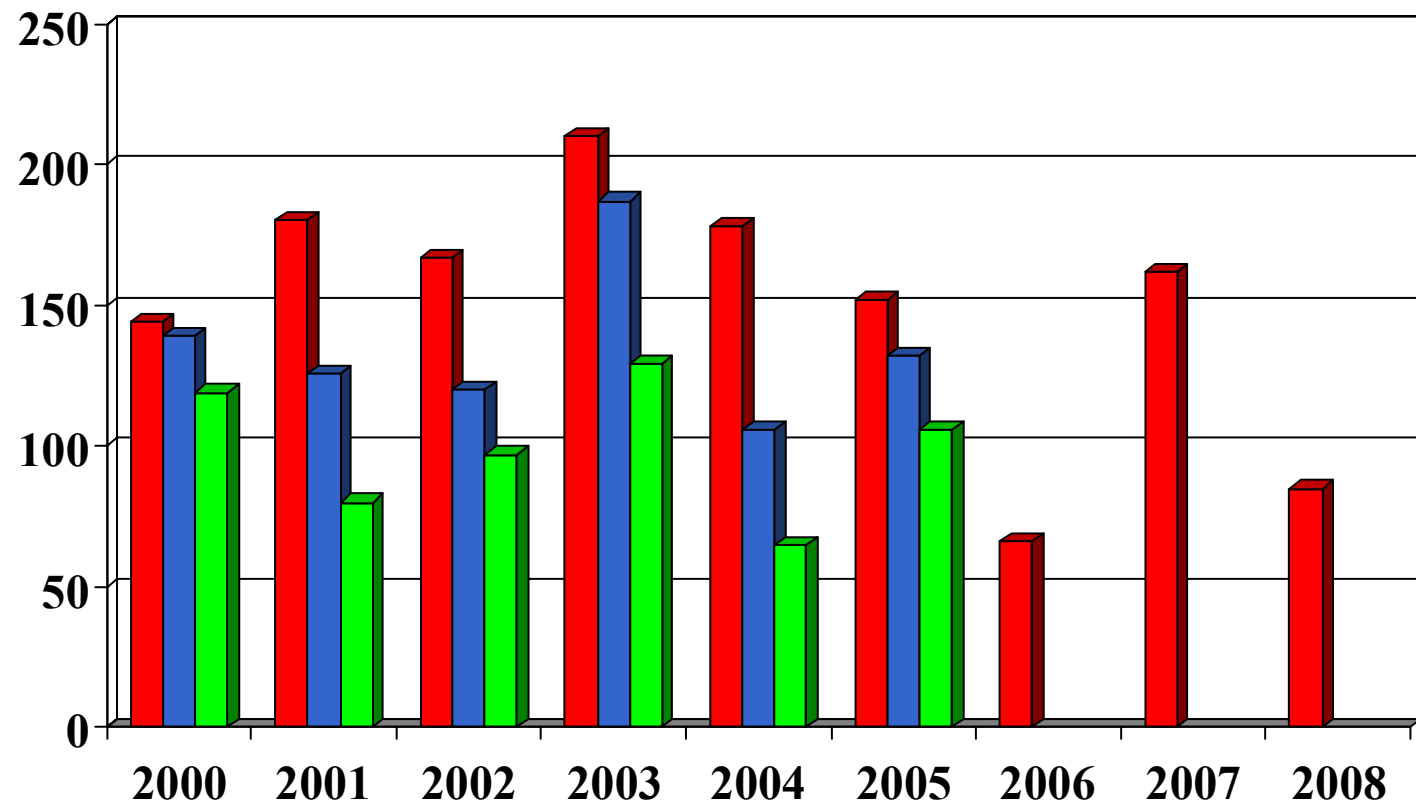
# Region I Exam Projects By FY



# Project Cancellation Rate

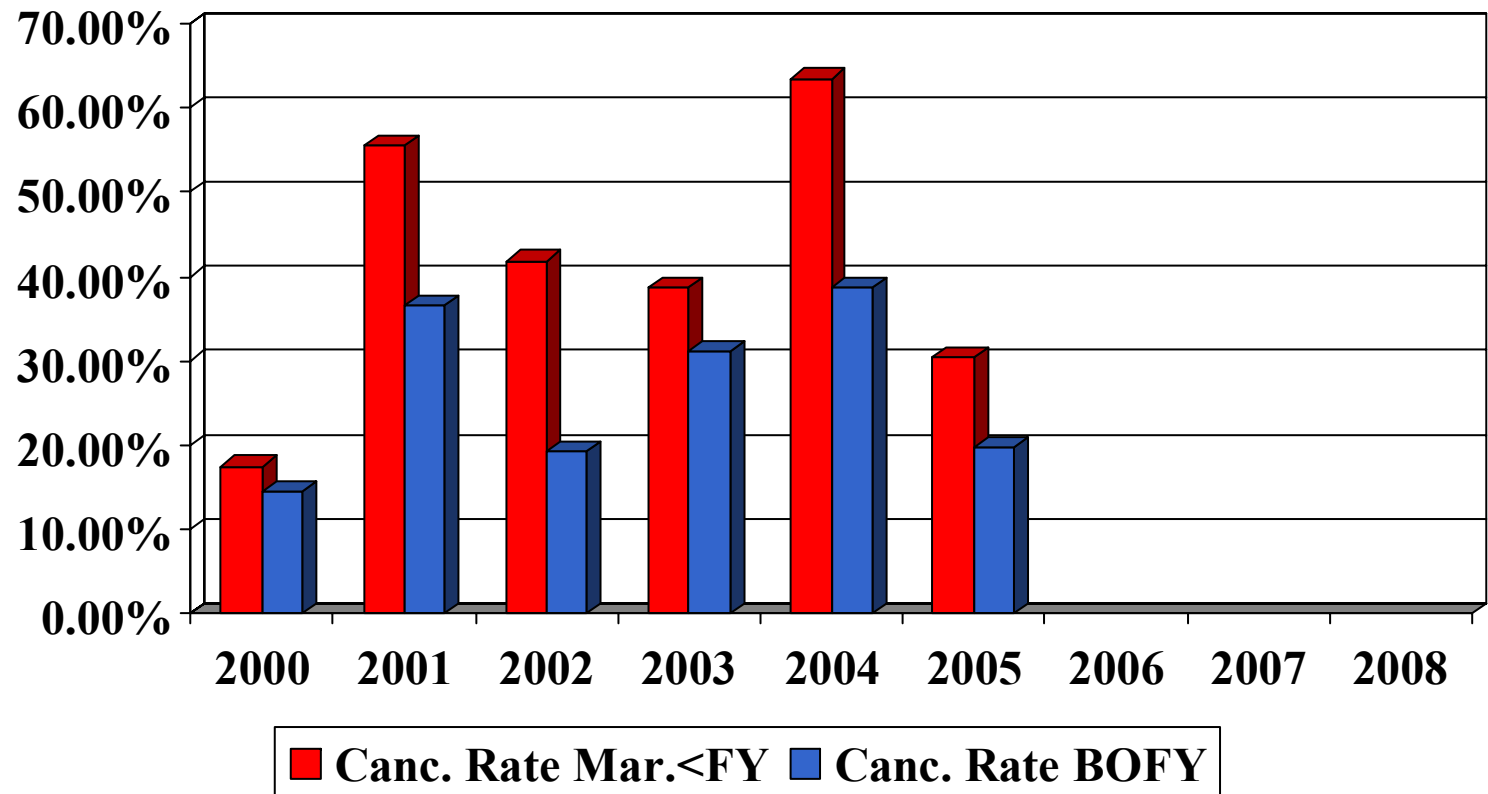


# Region I Applicants by FY



■ Applicants Mar.<FY ■ Applicants BOFY ■ Applicants Completed

# Applicant Cancellation Rate





# Breakout Sessions

- The only dumb question is the one not asked
- Please participate - this is your conference
- Feel Free to Identify Issues and Make Comments
- Document Answered Questions - to check for consistency
- Unanswered Question - will attempt to address at end – 10 minute summaries
- Use the Index Cards



# Handouts

- Conference Notice and Agenda
- Breakout Handouts – At the Sessions
- Computer Disc at the end of conference



## In Closing

- Thank You Again For Being Here
- Please Be Involved and Get The Most Out of This Experience
- Thanks Again To Dominion Connecticut For Hosting This Conference
- Questions?