

MANTG Project Management Breakout Summary - Wrap up Session

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- Presented exam development project management plan in use at Salem/Hope Creek
- Noted new NRC request for marking/segregating sensitive information on exam materials
- Reviewed NRC Exam budget model and assumptions - planning and communication
 - Allow sufficient time to develop AND validate initial exams (pay me now or pay me later)
 - 406 NRC hours budgeted for utility developed exam projects
 - 900+ hours budgeted for NRC developed exam projects
- Post Exam comments:
 - Strong connection between post exam comments and process for validation
 - Provided examples of post exam comment problems
 - Do not adopt the “find the points at any cost” mentality
 - **Validate validate validate** the exam
 - **Communicate communicate communicate** with the NRC team
 - Revalidate the changes - if substantial
 - Time limits - request extensions if needed
 - Reviewed trigger levels and success criteria on post exam comments
 - Document the contention - the bases for the contention and back up with references
- 3 Case Studies reviewed with the breakout groups
- Communications is the key between the NRC Chief Examiner and utility exam development team - on both NRC-developed and utility-developed exams,
 - Good practice - interim reviews
- The Stakes are High
 - Licensed Personnel well trained and qualified
 - Licensing decisions that are materially accurate