NRC Annual Performance Assessment of Three Mile Island

2006 Reactor Oversight Program



Purpose of Today's Meeting

- NRC will address licensee performance as described in the annual assessment letter
- AmerGen will be given the opportunity to respond to the information in the letter and inform the NRC of new or existing programs to maintain or improve their performance
- NRC will be available to engage interested stakeholders on performance of the plant and our role in ensuring safe plant operations

Agenda

- Introduction and NRC Organization
- Review of NRC Reactor Oversight Process
- Regulatory Summary of National Plant Performance
- NRC Assessment of Plant Performance Results
- AmerGen Response and Remarks
- NRC Closing Remarks
- Break
- NRC available to address public questions



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NRC Performance Goals

- Safety: Ensure protection of the public health and safety and the environment
- Security: Ensure the secure use and management of radioactive materials
- Openness: Ensure openness in our regulatory process
- Effectiveness: Ensure that NRC actions are effective, efficient, realistic, and timely
- Management: Ensure excellence in agency management to carry out the NRC's strategic objective

Reactor Oversight Process



Examples of Baseline Inspection Areas

- Equipment Alignment
- Triennial Fire Protection
- Operator Response
- Emergency Preparedness
- Radiation Release Controls
- Worker Radiation Protection
- Corrective Action Program
- Corrective Action Case Reviews

Significance Threshold

Performance Indicators

Green:	Only Baseline Inspection
White:	May increase NRC oversight
Yellow:	Requires more NRC oversight
Red:	Requires more NRC oversight

Inspection Findings

Green:	Very Low safety issue
White:	Low to moderate safety issue
Yellow:	Substantial safety issue
Red:	High safety issue

Action Matrix Concept



Regulatory Summary of National Plant Performance

Status at End of 2006

Licensee Response	70	
Regulatory Response	24	
Degraded Cornerstone	6	
Multiple/Repetitive Degraded Cornerstone	3	
Unacceptable	0	
Total	103	

National Summary

• **Performance Indicator Results (at end of 2006)**

▶ Green	1843
► White	11
► Yellow	0

► Red

• Total Inspection Findings (2006)

0

► Green	676
► White	13
► Yellow	
► Red	0

NRC Inspection Activities at Three Mile Island

- 5498 hours of inspection and related activities
- 2 resident inspectors assigned to the site
- 12 regional inspections
- 3 team inspections

NRC Inspection Activities at Three Mile Island

- Completed a Specialized Plant Security Review
- Completed a Problem Identification and Resolution Team (PI&R) Team Inspection
- Completed a Plant Modifications Team Inspection
- Resident Inspections

NRC Assessment of Three Mile Island

- The plant operated safely
- Plant was in regulatory response column of the Action Matrix for the first quarter of 2006
- NRC supplemental inspection during February 2006 closed out a white emergency preparedness inspection finding and the plant transitioned into the licensee response column of the Action Matrix
- Plant remained in the licensee response column of the Action Matrix for the second thru fourth quarters of 2006 (cornerstone objectives fully met)
- NRC plans baseline inspections for the remainder of 2007

Safety Significant Findings or PIs

• All performance indicators were green (very low safety significance) in 2006

• Ten green inspection findings were identified during the year

NRC Sample Inspection Findings / Issues at Three Mile Island

- Worker Fatigue and Fitness for Duty (FFD)
 - Shift Manager Inattentive to Duty
 - Operators did not consider fatigue to be an FFD Issue
 - Security guard working hours / awareness
- Previous trend in Procedure Quality & Adherence
 Improvements have been noted
 - Improvements have been noted
- Current trend in the Use of Industry Operating Experience
 - Industry and NRC Fitness for Duty issues
 - Monitoring for air voids in safety related systems.

NRC Annual Assessment Summary at Three Mile Island

- AmerGen operated Three Mile Island in a manner that preserved public health and safety.
- All cornerstone objectives were met.
- NRC plans baseline inspections at Three Mile Island for the remainder of the assessment period.

Licensee Response and Remarks

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Contacting the NRC

- Report an emergency
 - ► (301) 816-5100 (call collect)
- Report a safety concern:
 - ▶ (800) 695-7403
 - ► Allegation@nrc.gov
- General information or questions
 - ► <u>www.nrc.gov</u>
 - Select "What We Do" for Public Affairs

Reference Sources

- <u>Reactor Oversight Process</u>
 - http://www.nrc.gov/NRR/OVERSIGHT/ASSESS/index.html
- <u>Public Electronic Reading Room</u>
 - http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm.html
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