

Public Meeting to discuss status of the ISG on Acute Chemical Exposures and Next Steps

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Agenda

- Meeting Purpose
- Update on Acute Chemical Exposure Issue
 - Status on the interim staff guidance
- Path forward
- Audits
 - Audit Plan
 - Timeline
- Next Steps
- Questions/Feedback

Meeting Purpose

- Provide an update regarding the Acute Chemical Exposures and Quantitative Standards Issue.
- Inform the fuel cycle industry of NRC's path forward on the issue.
- Obtain feedback from the fuel cycle industry and members of the public on staff's path forward and project timeline.

Interim Staff Guidance (ISG)

- March 4, 2015 and April 17, 2015 FRN requested public comments on ISG and backfit claim.
- July 1, 2015 public comment period closed.
- Public Comments on draft ISG:
 - Comments from NEI (ML15189A076)
 - Comments from two fuel cycle licensees (ML15188A028 and ML15208A098)
 - Two members of the public (ML15189A073 and ML15189A074)
 - Staff resolution of comments (ML15253A694 and ML15295A163)
- ISG was revised to address public comments (ML15253A685).

Update

- Staff presented ISG to ACRS on October 8, 2015.
 - ACRS recommended publication of ISG (ML15293A314)
- Staff presented revised ISG to CRGR on January 28, 2016.
 - CRGR endorsed ISG on letter dated March 25, 2016 (ML16032A047).
 - Latest version of the ISG (ML16056A301)

Path forward

- Staff identified the need for additional information to make a safety determination on how licensees are identifying and managing chemical hazards (including dermal/ocular).
- Staff plans on conducting audits to gather information on individual licensee's programs and practices.
- ISG will be used for the review of future major licensing actions (e.g. new applications, 70.64)

Audits

- Provide the NRC with a better understanding of the chemical safety analyses and chemical safety practices that licensees use to identify and manage chemical hazards.
- Audits will be conducted during a 2-day site visit between the months of June and July, 2016.

Audit Plan

- Audit Scope:
 - Operations covered by the ISA
 - Evaluation of chemical exposures
 - Proposed standards when necessary
 - Worker protection program
- Information to be reviewed:
 - Sample of chemical safety ISA scenarios
 - Internal and operating procedures
 - Process hazard analyses, HAZOPs, What ifs, etc.
 - Safety controls and worker protection

Audit Plan (cont'd)

- Audit Team:
 - Branch Chief: Robert Johnson
 - Technical Lead: Marilyn Diaz
 - Technical Support: James Hammelman
- Logistics:
 - 2 day Site Visit (June – July)
 - Prior to site visit, licensee will receive a formal letter with audit plan specific to their facility.
 - Deliverables: Audit Summary Report

Project timeline

- May 19, 2016: Public Meeting
- May 20-27, 2016: Set the dates for site visits
- June 6-10, 2016: Formal letter with audit plan
- June 13-July 29, 2016: Site visits/audits
- July-August 2016: Prepare audit summary reports

Next Steps

- Schedule site visits with each licensee.
- Gather information through site visits (audits).
- Document NRC observations on audit summary reports.
- The information discussed in these audit summary report may be included, fully or in part, in the development of the NRC technical ISG and related Commission Paper.

Questions



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