Industry SLR Lessons Learned

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AGENDA

- > PRE-SUBMITTAL ACTIVITIES
- > SUFFICIENCY REVIEW
- > OPEX AUDIT
- > IN-OFFICE AUDIT
- > REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
- > PART 51 ENVIRONMENTAL
- > TECHNICAL ISSUES

Pre-Submittal Activities



(Safety & Environmental)

- NRC-Industry SLR phone calls have been effective to increase applicant understanding SLR related issues
- NRC Lessons Learned Memos dated 12/13/2017 was important for understanding NRC expectations
- Pre- application meetings 6-12 months prior to submittal were a useful forum for common understanding of important issues to be addressed in the SLRA
- Assignment of the NRC PMs well before the LRA submittal date

Sufficiency Review (Safety & Environmental)



 Some sufficiency review issues were unexpected. New technical & environmental content requirements should be communicated during the pre-submittal activities

OPEX Audit



(Safety)

- The OE audit setup is extensive and expensive for the applicant. It is not clear if a desired benefit for this effort is achieved.
- Standardized key word list should be developed and made available prior to the audit (i.e. pre-application)
- E-Portal/OPEX information orientation provided by Applicant to Staff reviewers was useful

In-Office Audit



(Safety)

- The conduct of the In-Office Audit remotely was effective and efficient in addressing NRC questions
- Use of the E-Portal improved and focused the NRC Staff's review of Applicant support information. However, there may be too much information and should be evaluated.
- In-Office Audit session schedule development should be improved and adhered to
- Timely question availability is essential to best breakout session outcomes (no follow-ups, focused RAIs, etc.)
- Use of pre-breakout session calls is a good practice and should continue

In-Office Audit (Breakout Sessions)

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(Safety)

- NRC questions would benefit from standardization
 - Fire Water questions are a good model (timeliness, OE, content, background, AMRs, etc) –i.e., Mechanical Reviews
 - Note efficiencies of NRC Electrical Team Review
 - Ensures GALL-SLR comment items addressed (Industry & NRC)
 - TLAA/Structural AMPs need to be moved to audit front end
- Propose use of E-Portal to post and status questions
- Skype was helpful to orient reviewers to information
- Use of various input methods (i.e. Supplement, 4D, RAI) for issues was good use of resources

Request for Additional Information (RAI) (Safety)



- Draft RAI discussions very beneficial and focused
- Time period from initial topic review until official RAI of 3-4 months seems excessive
- Consider use of Portal information to provide issue clarity for use in SER without the need for RAI
- Periodic conference calls were very important in maintaining open lines of communications

Environmental Review



- NEI/NRC development of 17-04 guidance for assessing SAMA "new and significant information" was useful
 - Additional NEI/NRC discussions are recommended to resolve inconsistent interpretations of NEI 17-04
- Efficiency improvement measures recommended for On-site Environmental Audits
 - More timely delivery of NRC questions/audit needs list to allow pre-Audit preparation of responses
 - Better definition of tour needs to improve planning for tour content and resources ©2019 Nuclear Energy Institute

Technical Issues (Safety)

NEI

- Timeliness of supporting NRC reviews:
 - MRP-227, Rev. 1
 - PWROG Topical Report Reviews (EMA, Material properties, etc.)
 - Part 50 reactor surveillance capsule schedule change
 - Other plant specific changes (e.g. CFRP Relief)
- Interim Staff Guidance Recommended:
 - RPV Support Steel/Sacrificial Shield Wall Steel
 - EPRI Chemistry Revisions
 - Structural Stainless Steel/Aluminum cracking
 - Cu (Zn>15%) Cracking Inspection
 - M27 Table note 7, IWE UFSAR, etc.

Industry SLR Lessons Learned Summary



- Pre-submittal activities and meetings were useful
- Are there more efficient ways to achieve OPEX Audit outcomes?
- E-Portal/OPEX information orientation was useful
- Remote in-office Audit improved and focused NRC Staff's review of Applicant support information
- In-Office Audit session scheduling should be improved
- Use of various input methods was good use of resources
- NRC Audit questions would benefit from standardization
- Improve NRC timelines in reviewing documents related to the SLRA
- Timely availability of NRC questions is essential to ER review