

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20555-0001

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- LICENSEE: Carolina Power & Light Company, now doing business as Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.
- FACILITY: Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant, Unit 1
- SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2008, MEETING WITH PROGRESS ENERGY CAROLINAS, INC., TO DISCUSS THE SHEARON HARRIS NUCLEAR PLANT, UNIT 1 NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION STANDARD 805 LICENSE AMENDMENT REQUEST (TAC NO. MD8807)

On September 29, 2008, a Category 1 public meeting was held between the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and representatives of Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. (PEC) at NRC headquarters, 6003 Executive Boulevard Building, Room 1B15, Rockville, Maryland. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the results of the NRC acceptance review of the Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant, Unit 1 (HNP), May 29, 2008 license amendment request (LAR) (Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) Accession No. ML081560639). This submittal requested to transition HNP to the risk-informed, performance-based fire protection program in accordance with Title 10 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (10 CFR) Section 50.48(c) and National Fire Protection Association Standard 805 (NFPA 805), "Performance Based Standard for Fire Protection for Light Water Reactor Electric Generating Plants."

Enclosure 1 contains a list of attendees. Enclosure 2 contains the licensee's slide presentation.

DISCUSSION

On September 29, 2008, the NRC staff conducted a public meeting with PEC to discuss the results of the acceptance review for the May 29, 2008, submittal. This meeting was intended to discuss those results as described in NRC's acceptance review letter dated September 26, 2008 (ADAMS Accession ML082701158), and the schedule for their resolution. It should be noted that a version, erroneously dated September 29, 2008, was provided at the meeting. The NRC staff provided a brief overview of the results of the acceptance review. Under the normal acceptance review process, this licensing action would not have been accepted. However, since HNP is a NFPA 805 pilot plant, the NRC staff provided PEC with the option of providing an updated submittal within a reasonable time frame while the review of the acceptable sections of the LAR continues. This course of action is in the interest of ensuring public health and safety because the pilot's submittal helps to establish the threshold of what information is necessary for future applicants adopting NFPA 805 to allow the NRC to begin its safety review.

The NRC staff's acceptance review identified eight issues involving missing or incomplete information that present significant challenges to commencing and completing a comprehensive review of the LAR on an acceptable schedule. In the September 26, 2008, letter, the staff also identified three issues that mischaracterized the NRC's review of the HNP fire probabilistic risk assessment (PRA).

The licensee provided an overview of the NFPA 805 approach, a discussion on Fire PRA Implementation and the Summary Results for the HNP NFPA 805 analysis. Additionally, PEC indicated the intent to respond to items identified in NRC's letter dated September 26, 2008, by November 15, 2008.

The licensee provided a detailed discussion on the process used to transition Operator Manual Actions (OMAs) to Recovery Actions under NFPA 805 that will be submitted to the NRC by the NFPA 805 Task Force under a new Frequently Asked Question (FAQ), FAQ 07-0030, "OMA Transition to Recovery Actions." During the presentation on defense-in-depth (DID) associated with OMAs, it was discussed whether the licensee considered potential negative effects of these OMAs. The licensee indicated that other than control room evacuation actions, no recovery OMAs were credited in the fire PRA and the OMAs were reviewed to ensure that their effects were "risk neutral." In addition, the NRC staff questioned the availability of instrumentation to support the OMAs and whether the licensee had reviewed the potential impact, if any, on needed communication equipment. The licensee indicated that for the credited OMAs a review had been conducted to ensure instrumentation availability. However, PEC would need to followup regarding the potential impact of a fire on needed communication equipment.

The licensee also provided a discussion regarding their process for determining OMA feasibility. It was indicated that their deterministic approach to determining feasibility of OMAs did not incorporate the guidance for deterministically addressing reliability as provided in NUREG [NRC technical report designation] -1852, "Demonstrating the Feasibility and Reliability of Operator Manual Actions In Response to Fire." Therefore, the NRC staff questioned how reliability was addressed. The licensee indicated that reliability was addressed using the human reliability assessment (HRA) methods in the fire PRA. Additional questions were asked regarding the assumptions made by the licensee in support of the OMA timeline and whether diagnostic time, that is, time for an operator to determine the status and a course of action, was included in the timeline. The licensee indicated that diagnostic time was not specifically included, but additional margin should be available based on conservative access/egress time estimates.

The licensee provided a discussion of the fire models used. The licensee indicated that they used NUREG-1805, "Fire Dynamics Tools," and NUREG-1824, "Verification and Validation of Selected Fire Models for Nuclear Power Plant Applications," as guidance for the fire modeling. The models identified for the HNP submittal were the Consolidated Model of Fire Growth and Smoke Transport, Fire Dynamics Simulator and the Fire Dynamics Tools. The licensee indicated that they will be providing the fire plume projection calculation methodology to supplement the NUREG modeling tools.

The licensee indicated that consistent with the planned approach for FAQ 07-0030, they divided their operator manual actions into three categories: (1) those that would always be performed and modeled in the fire PRA, for which both feasibility and quantitative reliability, via an HRA, would be assessed; (2) those that would always be performed but, because of their "risk neutral" nature, would not be modeled in the fire PRA, for which only a deterministic assessment of feasibility would be conducted as per the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) guidance document, NEI 04-02; "Guidance for Implementing a Risk-informed, Performance-Based Fire Protection Program Under 10 CFR 50.48 (c)," and (3) those that would be performed at operators' discretion, depending on the staffing availability, and would not be modeled in the fire PRA, but assessed deterministically for feasibility. The licensee categorized both these latter two types of operator manual actions as "defense-in-depth" actions. The NRC

staff questioned whether either or both groups constituted DID actions as specified under NFPA 805, and requested that this be clarified. Also, the NRC staff noted that it appeared that the second category would be analogous to the types of OMAs that might be pertinent to feasibility and reliability criteria for non-NFPA 805 plants, e.g., as discussed in NUREG-1852. Therefore, the staff questioned whether these OMAs should also be assessed deterministically for reliability.

Based on insights gained from the NFPA 805 analyses, the licensee identified that approximately 40 modifications to the plant are planned. Of the 40 modifications, 16 have been installed and 24 are still in the planning stage. Of the 24 planned, the licensee identified that three were significant safety modifications. The most significant modifications involved (1) the addition of a new diesel generator with a dedicated seal injection pump, and improved battery charging capability, (2) installation of incipient fire detection, (3) upgrades of existing Hemyc and MT electrical fire raceway barrier systems. As the proposed modifications would be connected to Class 1E components, the NRC staff questioned whether reviews of the modifications under 10 CFR 50.59 had been completed. The NRC staff indicated that this evaluation should be completed, as soon as possible, as the modifications may need prior NRC approval and may require a revision to the significant hazards consideration made under 10 CFR 50.91. It was requested by the NRC staff that the licensee explicitly identify each modification in the supplement to the submittal and the schedule for completion. It should be noted that one of the issues in the acceptance review letter centers around the submittal accurately reflecting the current, as well as the proposed plant configuration.

The licensee provided a general discussion of the development and use of the HNP fire PRA model. The licensee indicated that the guidance in NUREG/CR 6850, "EPRI/NRC-RES Fire PRA Methodology for Nuclear Power Facilities," was used. Additional information was provided on modifications modeled in the PRA, risk impact of variances from the deterministic requirements, and a general discussion of risk impacts of various issues. Questions were asked regarding the modeling of Hemyc and cable-to-cable interactions. The licensee indicated that credit for Hemyc was based on licensee as-tested configurations. The cable-to-cable interactions were not modeled any differently from the NUREG/CR-6850 approach, but the licensing bases would be revised to reflect mitigation of inter-/intra-cable shorts. The treatment of recovery actions was discussed. The licensee reiterated that the recovery OMAs are not required, but are included in the site procedures. The NRC staff stated concerns about the clarity of the procedures given many OMAs (other than those performed during control room evacuation) are not required. The licensee stated that they will conduct a review to ensure that the OMAs not credited are reflected in the procedures in such a way that maintains the regulatory and licensing basis proposed.

The licensee provided a discussion regarding the quality of the HNP fire PRA and the application of the fire PRA to NFPA 805 transition. The NRC staff review and subsequent industry peer review of the HNP fire PRA were discussed as well as the PEC resolution of comments from these reviews. The NRC staff indicated that the review of the fire PRA is not completed and that there are plans to audit several areas. The licensee provided their view regarding the fire PRA quality requirements in Regulatory Guide 1.200, "An Approach for Determining the Technical Adequacy of Probabilistic Risk Assessment Results for Risk-Informed Activities," for NFPA 805 applications. The licensee provided their view of how the fire PRA capability categories should be addressed when applying the fire PRA to NFPA 805 transition change evaluations. The NRC staff indicated the expectation that the

licensee explicitly identify the capability category, consistent with the fire PRA standard ASME/ANS-Ra-S-2007, "Standard for Probabilistic Risk Assessment for Nuclear Power Plant Applications." This identification should allow the NRC staff to see that PEC looked at the problem, the attributes and the supporting requirements to make the category determination. The licensee indicated the belief that their approach should be adequate to address the NRC staff's concerns, but would take another look to ensure the expectations were met.

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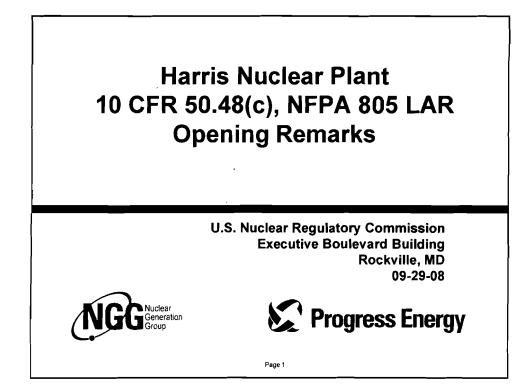
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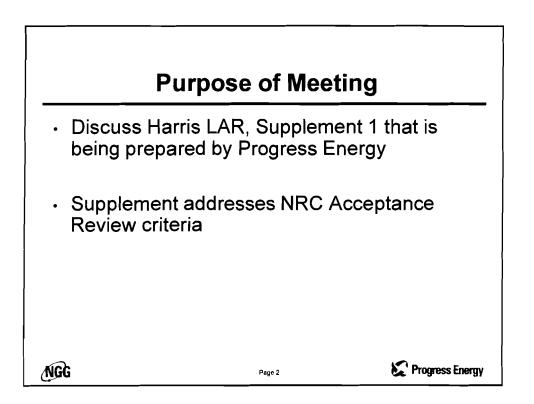
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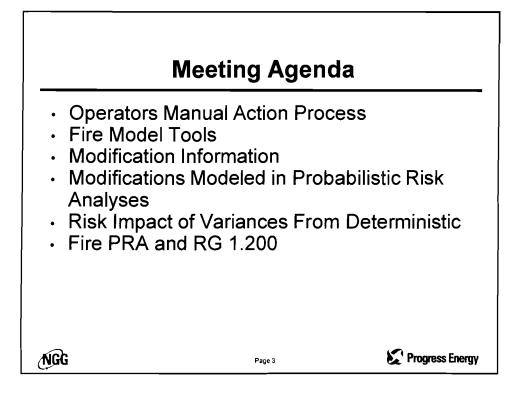
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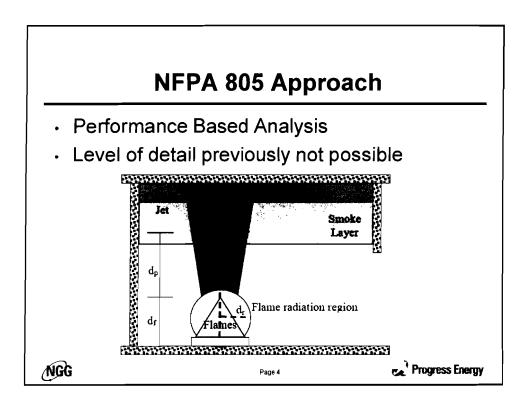
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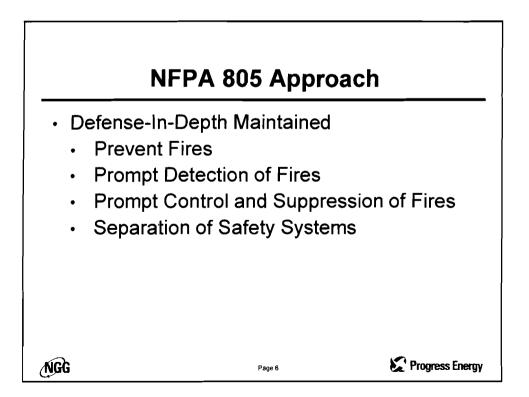


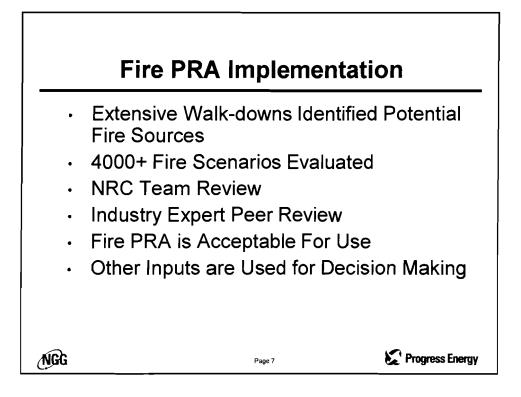


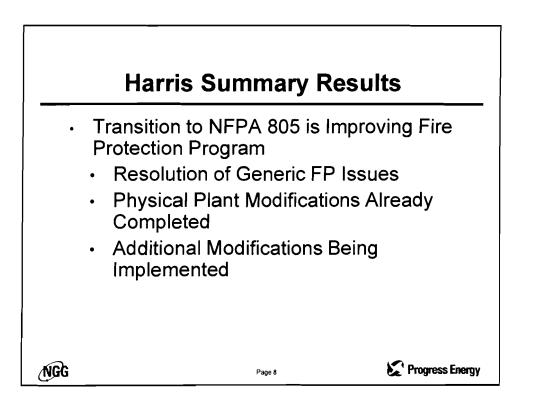


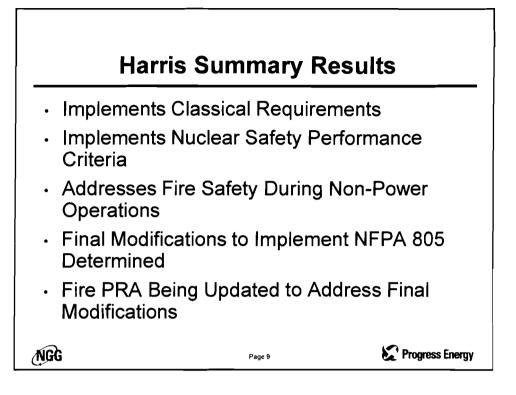
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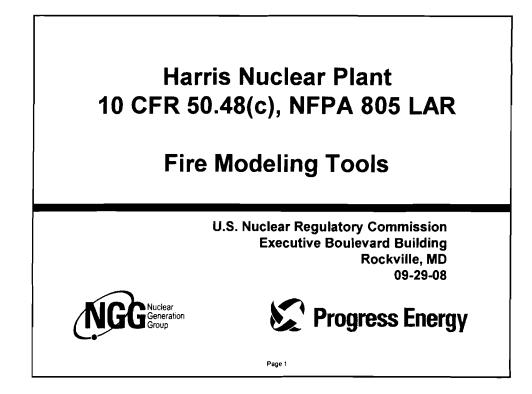
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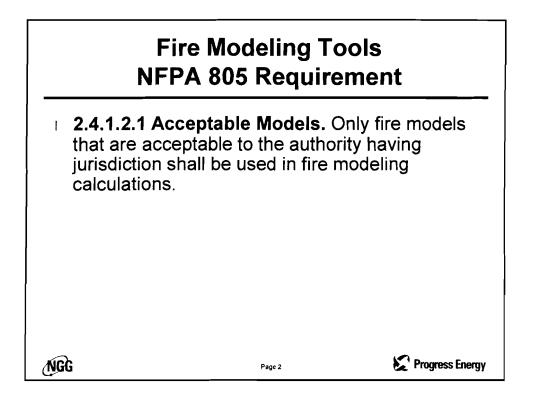


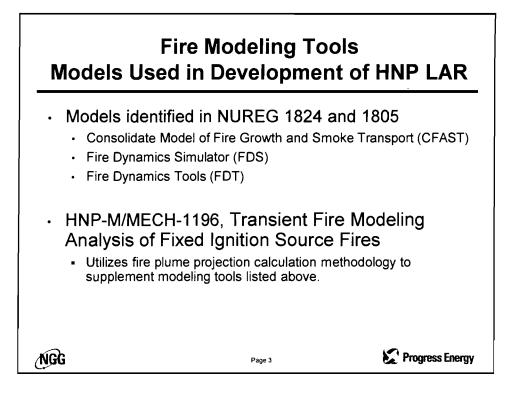


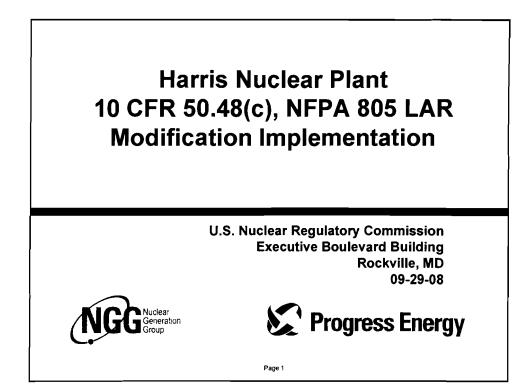




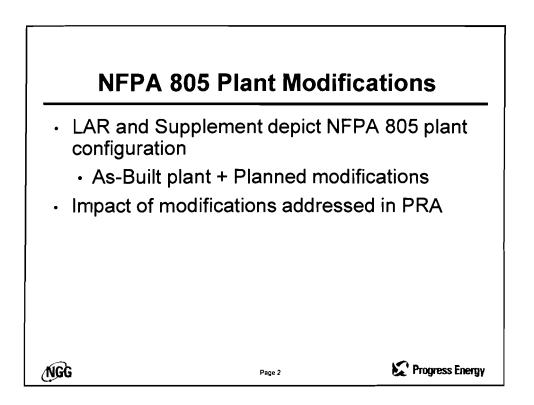


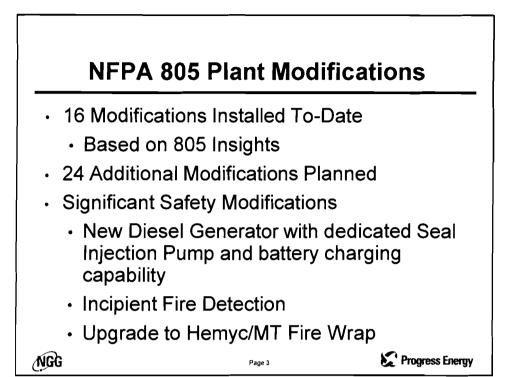






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NFPA 805 Summary of Modifications Installed

- Install Interam Fire Wrap
- Provide alternative power supplies for Component Cooling and Water Chiller Valves
- Eliminate Manual Actions for Dampers
- Install level indication at Auxiliary Control Panel
- Install Manual Transfer Switch for Charging / Safety Injection
- Install Fire Rated Cable

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- Provide protection for Chilled Water and Main Steam Valves
- Provide alternative access pathway
- Provide protection for Charging / Safety Injection and provide Emergency Lighting
- Modify power supply for Service Water

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NFPA 805 Summary of Modifications Planned

- · Provide New Diesel Generator with dedicated Seal Injection Pump
- Provide Incipient Fire Detection
- Upgrade of Hemyc fire wrap
- Upgrade of MT fire wrap
- Charging / Safety Injection Pump Recirculation
- Prevent Spurious Damper Actuation
- Additional Emergency Lighting
- Prevent spurious valve actuation Reactor Coolant System, High Head Safety Injection, Component Cooling
- Intervening Combustible Free Zone Designation
- Circuit / cable protection for Service Water, Auxiliary Feed Water, Steam Generator
- Cable re-routing for spurious actuation prevention
- Additional power outlets for back-up ventilation
- Provide Containment Spray cross-connect power
- Provide additional permanent access ladders
- Motor Operated Valve circuit protection
- Protect Communications circuits

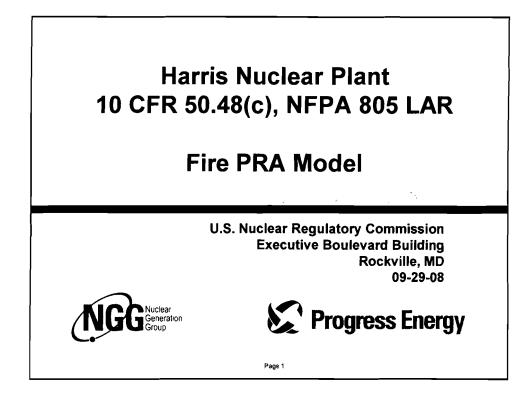
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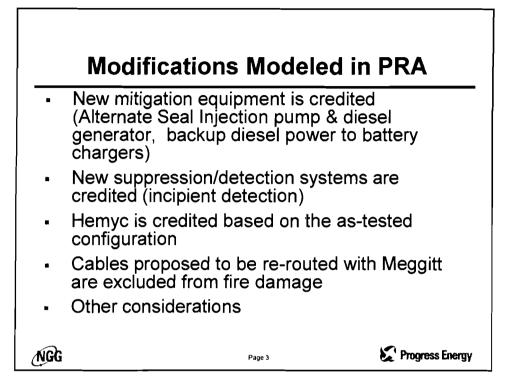
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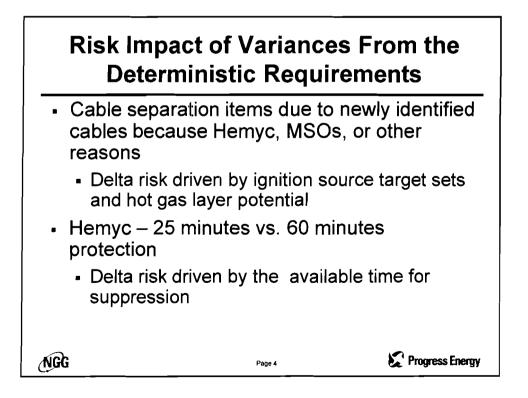
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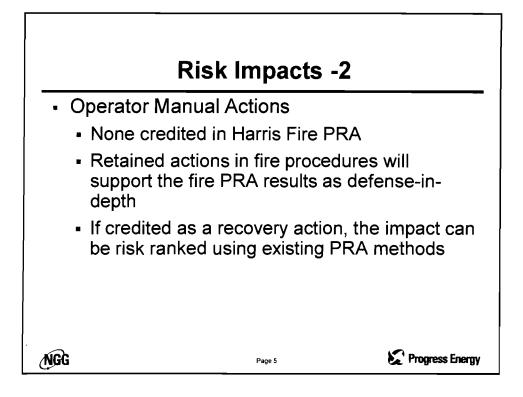
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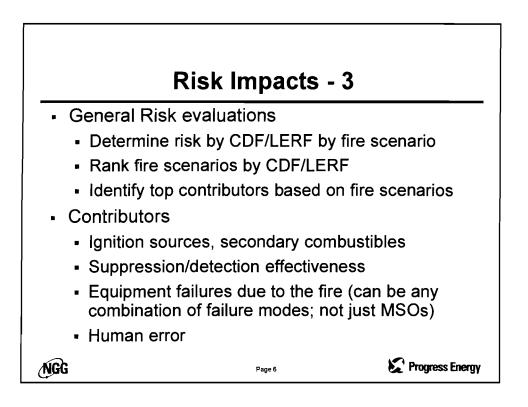


	Fire PRA Model							
•	HNP Fire PRA developed based on guidance in NUREG/CR-6850							
•	Industry involvement with NEI and EPRI and non-pilots through the NFPA-805 and Fire PRA Task Forces							
•	Individual tasks presented to the NRC throughout the pilot process							
•	 The Fire PRA was reviewed by both NRC and Industry using the latest standards and Regulatory Guide 1.200 requirements 							
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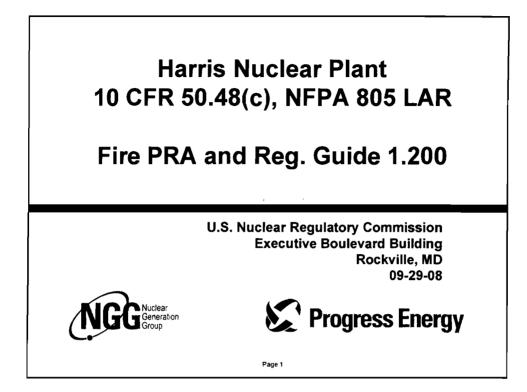


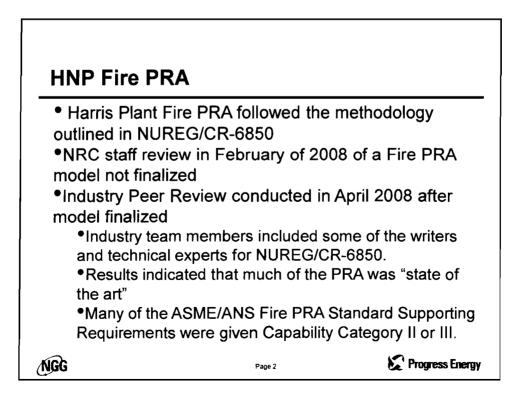


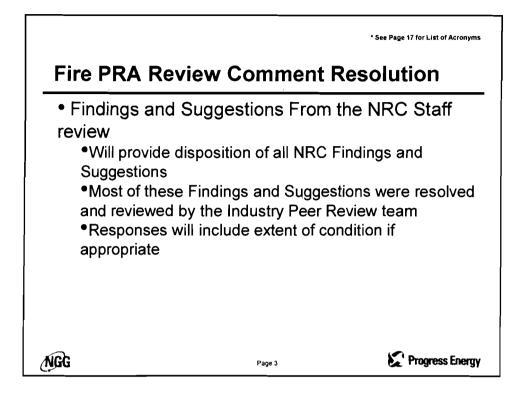


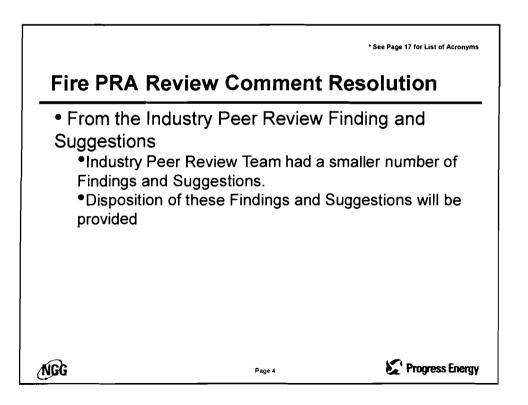


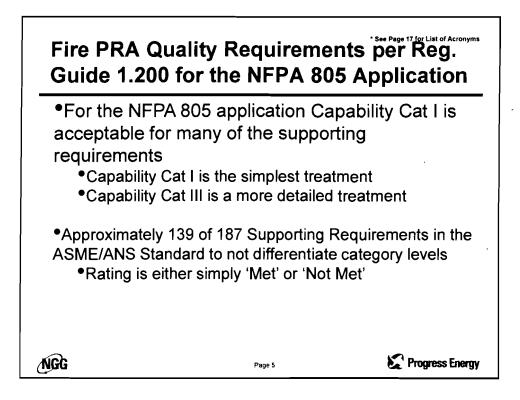
	Conclusion							
•	HNP Fire PRA developed based on guidance in NUREG/CR-6850							
•	Modifications incorporated to reflect the to be as-built/as-operated plant post transition to NFPA-805							
•	The risk impacts included in change evaluations result from cable separation and barrier worth variances							
•	Additional risk insights are provided by evaluating the Fire PRA results to identify important risk contributors							
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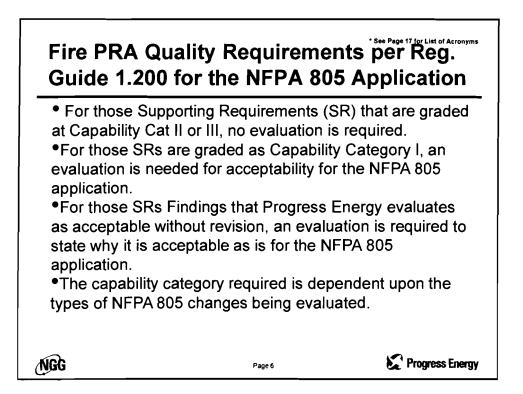


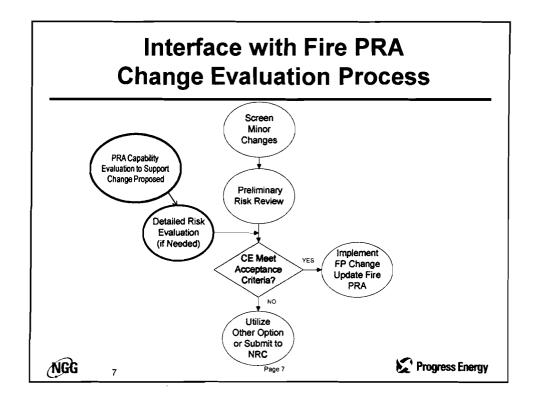


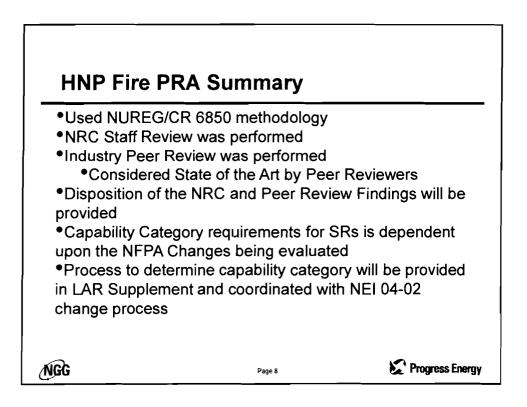


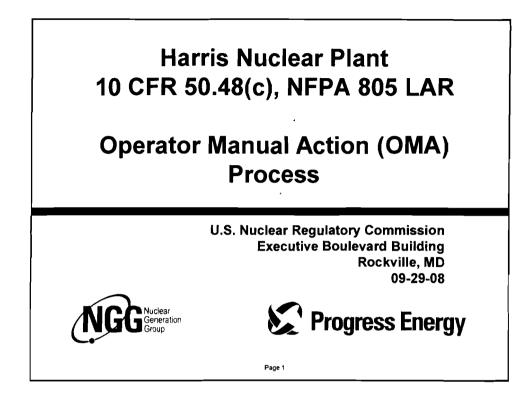


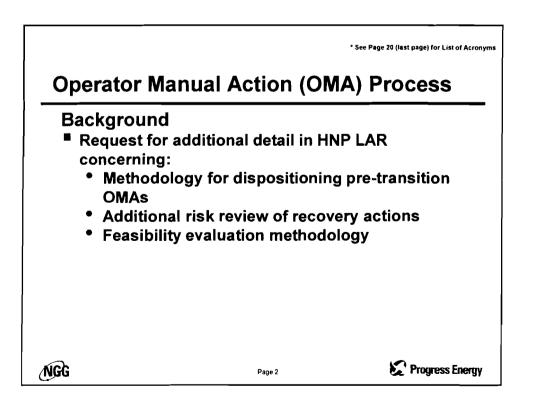


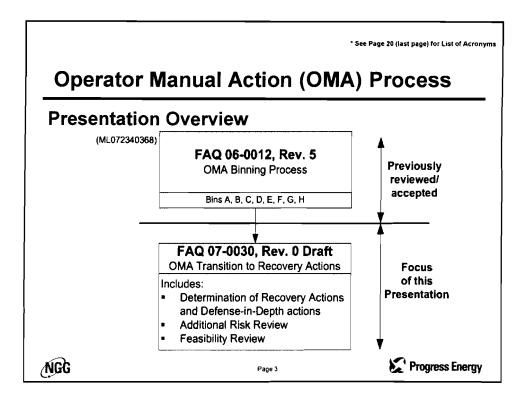


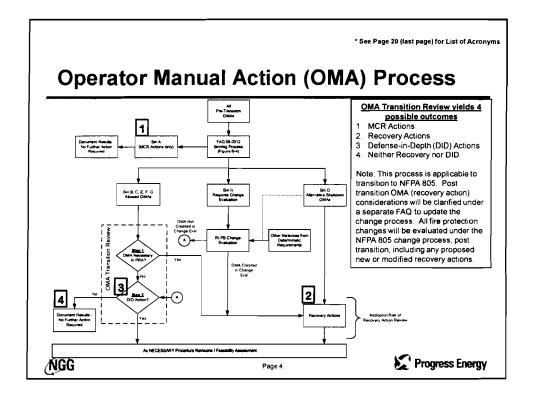


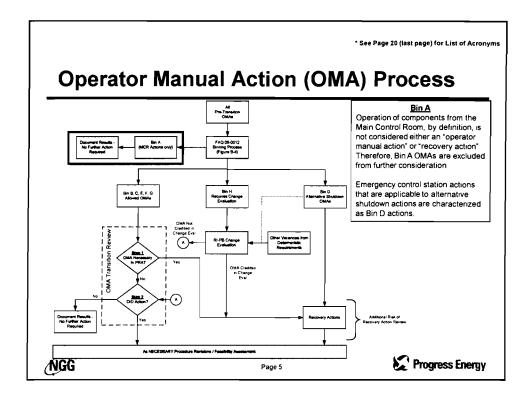


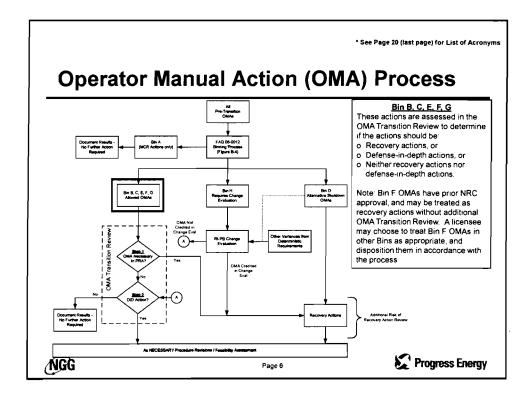


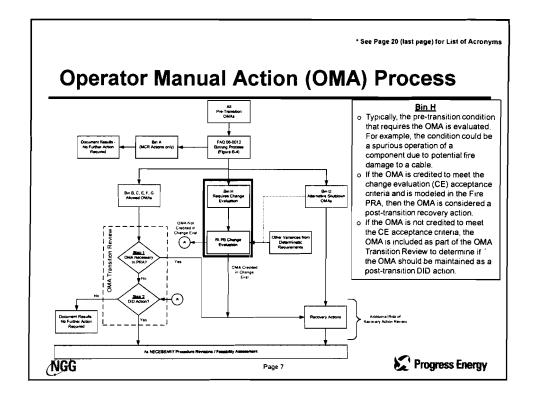


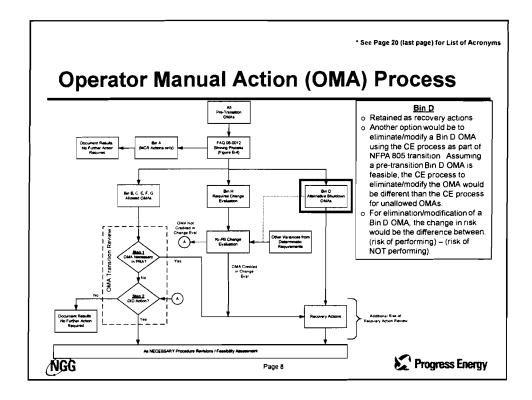




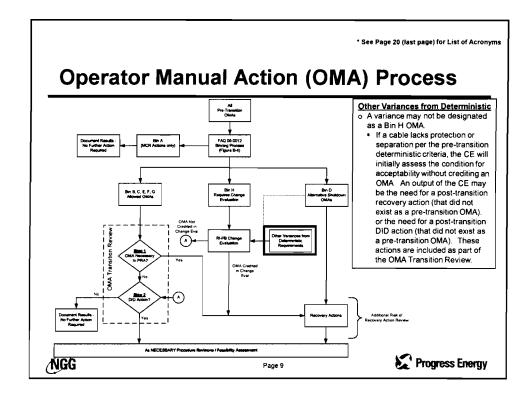




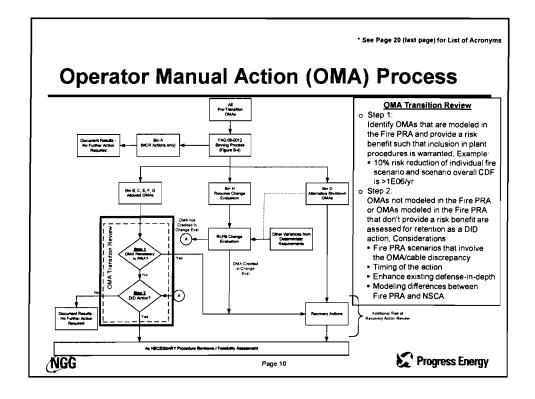


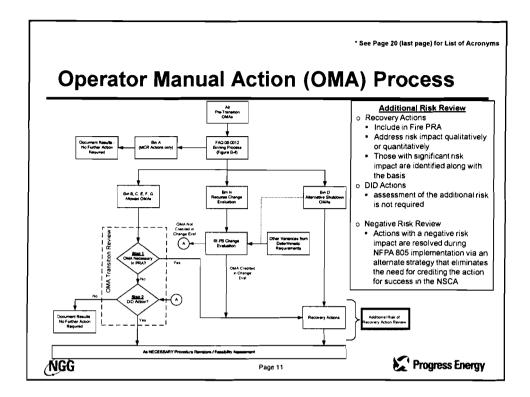


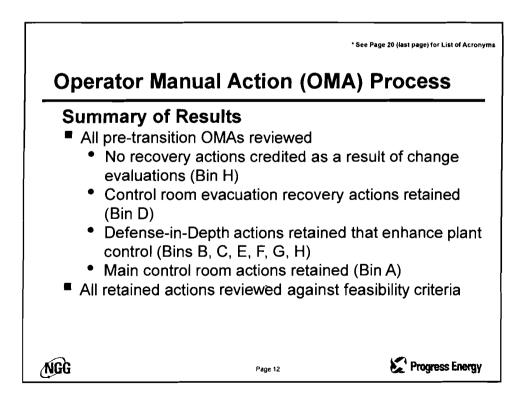
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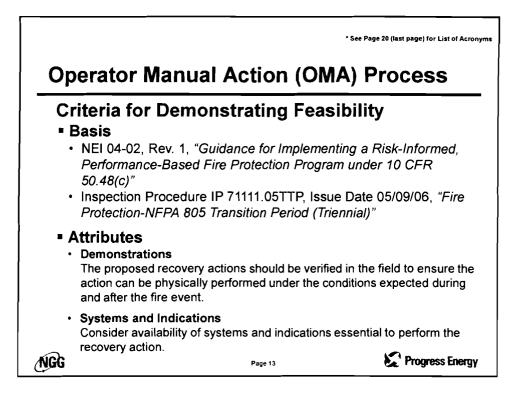


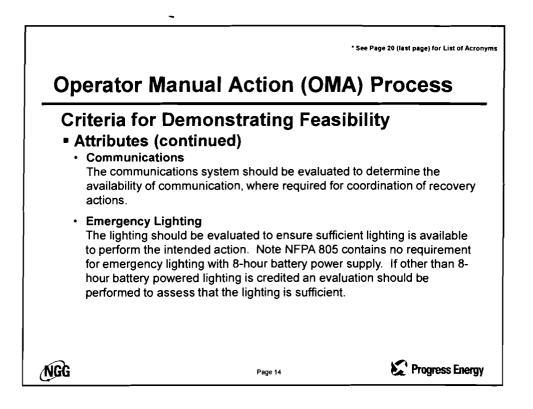
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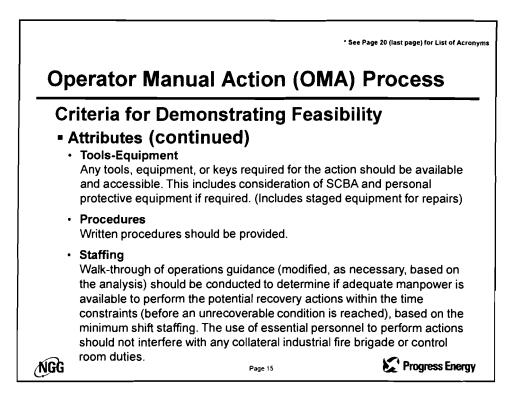


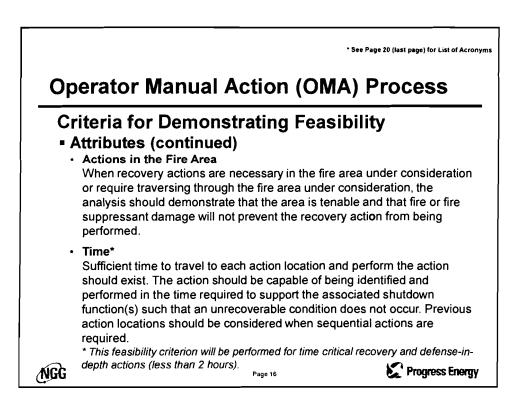


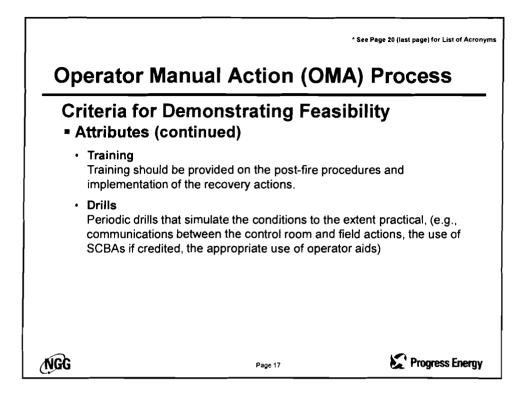




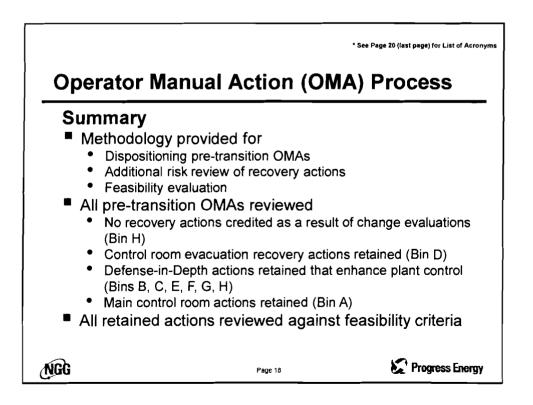


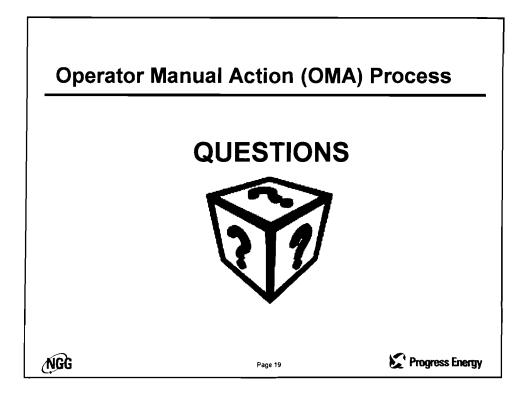


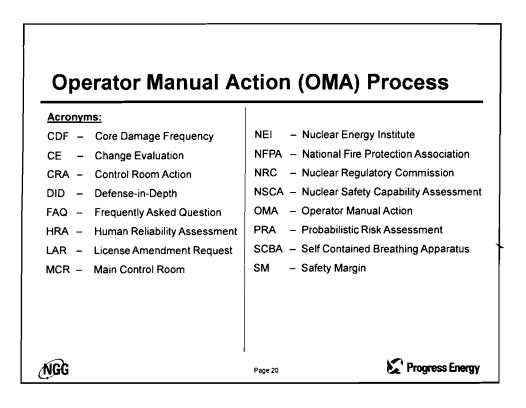




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