

Fuel Cycle Industry's Priorities and COVID Experience

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Fuel Cycle Industry Priorities

Enhancement Opportunities, e.g.,

- More Digital Platforms for Submittals, e.g., effluent reports, IAEA Additional Protocol reports
- More Inspector Use of IT On-Site, e.g., real-time report generation
- Periodic Use of Hybrid Inspections for Low-Risk Areas
- Increased Transparency of “Be Risk Smart” Applications in NMSS

Information & Data-Driven Decision-Making, e.g.,

- Smarter Inspection Program – NRC data informed enhancements
- Cyber Security Path Forward
- Possible Codification of Security Orders & Requirements
- Enhanced Weapons, Suspicious Activity & Security Event Reporting

Fuel Cycle Industry Priorities (continued)



Annual Fees to Reflect Fleet & Program Priorities

- Prioritization of Non-fee Billable Work
- FY2022 Proposed Fee Rule Reflects Fleet & Workload
- FY2023 Congressional Budget Justification

Timely Resolution of Issues & Licensing Actions

- Safety Margin – Industry Raised Issue Spring 2020; Await Resolution
- Early Problem Identification, e.g., NEI-14-14
- Renewals; Exemptions; Amendments; Applications – Experience varies

Importance of Headquarters & Regional Coordination

- Both Organizations Own the Business Line
- NRC New Hires Accompany Inspectors When Practical to Enhance Orientation

Industry's COVID Experience



Timely & Effective Facility and Corporate Response

- Flexibility & Timely Response to Varying Site/Local Conditions was Essential
- Responsive to NRC Inspection Scope & Schedule Adjustments
- Sharing of Timely Fleet Information Through NEI, e.g.,
 - Site status & best practices, e.g., masking & testing status
 - Exchange of information, e.g., exemption requests
 - Status calls between industry, NEI and NRC

Exemption Requests

- Facilities Benefitted from Information Sharing
- Early “Heads Up” to NRC Aided Overall Process Time

Industry's COVID Experience (continued)



Flexibility of NRC Inspections

- Timing, Duration, Number of Inspectors, Virtual Meetings & Interviews
- Benefits of Hybrid Inspections, e.g.,
 - Remote NRC staff can provide “lifeline” for on-site inspectors
 - Real-time adjustments to scope and timing when needed
 - Remote meetings can allow for increased participation
 - Encourage increased use of NRC’s IT on-site, e.g., “Real-time” preparation of inspection reports

Mutual Benefit of Shared Document Platforms

- Digital document sharing when practical is mutually desirable & more efficient

THANK YOU!



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