NRC Pilot CDBI EQ Inspections

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Overview, History and Update on activities related to the NRC Pilot CDBI Inspections of EQ Programs under IP 71111.21P

Current Schedule for Pilots

- Calvert Cliffs
- Fitzpatrick
- Browns Ferry
- St. Lucie

12-14 thru 12-18-2015 2-22 thru 2-26-2016 4-11 thru 4-15-2016 4-25 thru 4-29-2016

Current Schedule for Pilots

- Cook
- Dresden
- South Texas
- Columbia

5-09 thru 5-13-2016 6-20 thru 6-24-2016 3-21 thru 3-25-2016 5-09 thru 5-13-2016

Procedure Development

8-31-15 Industry EQ representatives (NUGEQ, Scientech, Individual Group Members) participated with NEI in a conference call with NRC to discuss submittal of comments on the draft version of IP 71111.21P.

NRC acknowledged willingness to accept comments from the industry.



9-4-15 We coordinated the development of comments on the draft version of IP71111.21P, forwarded to NEI on 9-4-2015

9-5-15 NEI forwarded the comments to the NRC.

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Follow-Up Activities:

• Subsequent follow-up with NRC, through the NEI the Reactor Oversight Process Task Force (ROPTF)

- The overall focus and intent of the comments was to refocus the procedure back to the original intent of this new inspection.
 - Low Resource Programmatic Inspection
 - Focus on EQ Program maintenance and preservation activities vs. repeating the original EQ Program compliance inspections.
- Subsequent discussions with Staff confirmed the purpose/scope, despite broad procedure.

- Comments are posted on WSPLUS at:
 - Resource Library/Regulatory/NRC Inspection Procedures & Guidance
- Comments were "binned" into eight (8) general categories.
- Each general category included specific examples.



Comment 1: Purpose and Objective of Inspection

Comment 2: EQ Licensing Basis

Comment 3: Terminology Consistency

Comment 4: High Energy Line Break

Comment 5: Risk Informed Perspectives and Sample Selection Process

- Comment 6: Additional Areas of Review Focused on Ongoing Implementation and Maintenance of EQ Program
- Comment 7: Clarification and Editorial Notes
- Comment 8: Comments Intended to Improve the Effectiveness of the Pilot Inspections

Overall, the comments focused on the following themes:

The focus of 21P appears to be more of a baseline inspection - rather than program maintenance implementation confirmation.
 [IP is largely based on TI 2515/76 and IP 51080]

- The inspection resource allocation of 96 hours would not support a full compliance inspection.
- Suggested the inspection focused on verification of EQ Program implementation in field, perhaps reviewing plant modifications, maintenance and corrective actions would be more in line with the objectives of the new engineering programs inspections.

- Additional observations:
 - No recognition of differences in EQ Licensing Bases
 between sites or between units at the same site.
 - Insufficient guidance for regional inspectors that may not be skilled in the history and evolution of EQ requirements.

- Noted that the focus on HELBs may be as complex and diverse, or more so, than EQ Licensing Bases.
 Suggested may be more involved than allocated by Staff resource guidance.
- Some technical comments, e.g., linkage of QL with storage time given 50.49(e)(5), NUREG-0588 and IEEE 323-74 direction on preconditioning to an "end-of-installed" life condition

Current Status

• NRC acknowledged receiving comments.

• NRC made no commitment to amend the procedure prior to the first EQ Pilots.

• NRC committed to training of inspectors to prepare them for EQ inspections.



Questions or Comments?

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