

Implementation of NCS Controls

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Change Pathways

- Two implementation paths
 - Change Request (CHG)
 - Used for all changes from administrative on up
 - If Items Relied on for Safety (IROFS) are involved, CHG feeds into the SER process
 - Safety Evaluation Request (SER)
 - Formal review by all safety disciplines
 - Requirements and controls are presented to a Change Review Board (CRB) for approval



SER Process for NCS Controls

- NCS analysis including IROFS and accident sequences are approved by a NCS peer reviewer, SER originator, an area representative and NCS management
- All safety requirements are presented to the CRB for approval
- Requirements are grouped by phase of implementation
 - Design/Construction
 - Pre-Operational equipment testing, but no SNM
 - During Operation production allowed with SNM
- Provided to the originator as the person responsible for the implementation



SER Process

- All safety groups that have requirements in a phase must verify the proper implementation prior the next phase beginning
- Area management and Licensing group must also signoff

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SER Process

- SER Originator is the person responsible for ensuring all requirements are met
- NCS Actions:
 - Review any procedure changes
 - Review any drawing changes
 - Inspect passive and active engineered controls (2 engineers)
 - Inspect area for proper NCS postings
 - Review revisions to the Safety Analysis Report (SAR)
 - Issue a Nuclear Safety Release (NSR) documenting proper implementation of the NCS requirements



Issues in the SER Process

- Communications!
- Must be implemented as approved
 - Changes or improvements must be resubmitted and approved
 - No job is complete until the paperwork is done
- Production schedules and pressures



Response to NCS Violations

- Operators are told if they see a NCS Violation:
 - Stop work
 - Do not correct the situation
 - Report it to their supervisor immediately
- Supervisors are to contact NCS immediately (24/7)
- NCS will respond and assess the situation
 - May authorize operators to correct the situation
 - May require activation of the Emergency Operation Center if severe enough
- Notification of the NRC Operations Center may be required depending on the severity of the upset

