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The Certification Process for the Year 2000

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Objectives of Presentation

- Briefly describe overall Y2K certification process
- Discuss processes required for certification of nuclear safety related digital assets



Y2K Certification Process

- Certification process designed to provide assurance that:
 - digital assets deemed compliant, are compliant, and
 - for those that are non-compliant, the residual risks are identified, documented, and are acceptable to the asset owner.





OHN Y2K Process Flow





Business Impact Assessment

- Every asset is categorized according to its Business Impact
- This determines the rigour of the process to be followed





	Business Impact Rating		
Impact Factor	High (incl. Safety)	Med	Low
Safety	Risk of Injury/Death	Not Significant Risk	No Risk
Stakeholders	Major	Limited	None
Financial Impact	\$ Millions	\$ 100K+	\$ 10K+
Core Product Delivery	Significant Disruption	Limited	Normal Tolerance
Environment	Impact Leading to Investigation	Not Significant	None

Safety Related Asset Categories

- Special Safety System (SSS)
- Failure Could Challenge SSS
- Other Safety Related





- Y2K Compliance and Impact Assessment
 - Technical information recorded for the assets identified in the Inventory Process
 - Compliance assessments performed to establish Compliance status and determine required action
 - Technical Impact Assessment (TIA) for High & Medium assets
 - Platform & Application Assessments for Safety Related assets
- Compliance Categories:
 - No Date Capability
 - BSI Compliant
 - Compliant (life of asset + 20 years)
 - Non-Compliant





Compliance Assessment and Impact Analysis (cont.)

- Dispositions
 - Replace
 - Renovate
 - Admin. Procedure
 - Retire
 - Lay-up
 - Quarantine
 - No action required





Asset Certification and Review







Safety Related Process

- Flow Summary
 - Non-compliance of the asset identified in Platform/Application Assessment
 - Disposition established based on details of specific Y2K problems
 - PEP developed
 - Renovation performed
 - Station Change, Testing and Configuration Management Processes Applied



Safety Related Process (cont.)

- Flow Summary (cont.)
 - Y2K Test Plan and Test Cases developed (according to requirements and templates), then executed
 - Site sign-off on Certification
 - Independent Review
 - OHN Certification sign-off





Platform/Application Assessment

- Guidelines and Report Templates to ensure consistency
- Code Review Design Notes to assist in approaching the code assessment
- Platform Assessment deals with the hardware, operating system and software tools used to develop the application
- Application Assessment deals with the software application
- Investigates and documents in detail the compliance of the system and provides an auditable process of the methods used
- Explores alternatives for dealing with non-compliance



Renovation Process

- Assessments (Platform and Application) identify noncompliance of the asset.
- Asset Owner develops a Project Execution Plan (PEP) for dealing with non-compliant assets.
- Both Y2K Project Standards and Station's Normal Engineering Change Procedures combine to ensure change process is effective:
 - Normal Unit, Integration and Regression Testing are Performed
 - Normal Installation and Commissioning Workplan Developed



Y2K Testing

- Test Documentation forms an essential part of the Certification package.
- Testing Requirements Document specifies testing and test documentation requirements
- In general, an Asset's Business Impact will dictate:
 - whether Independent Testing/Review is required, and
 - the extent of Testing Documentation Required for Certification/Review
- Safety Related Assets require rigorous, independent testing, comprehensive documentation and independent review





- Station-approved process to be followed for testing following software changes.
- Y2K Testing:
 - to cover all major systems functions, and
 - to cover all software Interfaces to Modules that have been modified



Testing Requirements for Renovated Safety Related Assets (cont.)

- Test Plan, Test Case and Procedures, Test Report produced by an individual independent of the Designer/Developer of the Y2K changes
- These documents require supervisory review
- Generally require approval of the Asset Owner
- Tester to be independent of the Designer/Developer of the Y2K changes







Independent Review

- To provide the Y2K Project Manager confidence that:
 - Assets can be OHN certified
 - Asset documentation provides an auditable trail
 - conclusions are documented
 - process for reaching conclusions is evident
 - method used is clear
 - Work is technically sound





Independent Review (cont.)

- Covers all aspects of Safety Related Digital Asset certification.
- Includes documentation, process and technical evaluation.
- Templates provided to give guidance, and promote consistency
- Reviewers to work in parallel with the site team



Independent Review (cont.)

- For due diligence purposes documents are required to be:
 - Complete
 - Consistent/Traceable
 - Correct
 - Correctly Filed and Controlled





Documents Reviewed

- Platform and Application Assessment
- Work plans
- Renovation work documents
- Testing Documents
- Site Certification Documents



Certification Sign-off

- Completes the asset certification process
- Independent Reviewer makes recommendation for Certification
- Package Reviewed by Licensing Engineer who makes recommendation for sign-off by the Y2K Project Manager