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Revising the Topical Report Review Process  
Technical Focus

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Current Technical Activities

- Actively evaluating the topical report review process
- Enhanced management involvement

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Focus Areas

- Provide more flexibility for early feedback
- Stress the importance of the draft safety evaluation with open items
- Stress the importance of understanding complex technical statements

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Proposed Improvements

- Pre-submittal meetings
- Audits for understanding
- RAI categorization

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Pre-Submittal Meetings

- Technical pre-submittal meeting
- Project pre-submittal meeting
- Ensuring the right staff is at the right meeting

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Audit for Understanding

- Audit timing
- 3-way communication
- Best practice

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### RAI Categorization

- Provide a clear context about each RAI
- Communication tool

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### Conclusion

- Propose updates to review process
- Continue to review and improve
- Commitment to making a technical safety decision efficiently

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