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## Efficiency Changes to the Licensing Process

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## Licensing Process



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    graph LR
      A[Acceptance Review] --> B[Notices - No Significant Hazard - Opportunity for a Hearing - Environmental Assessment (if needed)]
      B --> C[Request for Additional Information]
      C --> D[Safety Evaluation]
      D --> E[Amendment & Notice of Issuance]
    
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## Licensing Process Timeliness

- Timeliness affected by
  - Emergent Generic Safety Issues
  - Built in Regulatory Requirements
    - Public Participation
    - Notification of governmental entities of decision
      - State and local
  - Quality of submittal
  - Complexity of the submittal
  - Submittal resolution of Generic Issues

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## Continuation of Project AIM

- Enhance the culture of the NRC to increase efficiency, effectiveness, agility, and flexibility
- Sharpen NRC focus on achieving desired outcomes in performance management, planning, people, and process

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## Reinforcing Process Steps

- Enhancements to emphasize
  - Acceptance Reviews
  - Requests for Additional Information

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## Licensing Process Changes

- Acceptance Review
  - Communication of estimate of
    - Project hours
    - Project schedule
  - Project Duration Calculation
    - Starts at the completion of acceptance review
  - Defining difference between sufficiency items and request for additional information
    - Omission versus technical issues

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### Sharpened Focus on RAIs

- Reinforcement of existing internal processes by emphasis on
  - Adherence to criteria
  - Enhancement of guidance
- Training
  - RAI process
  - RAI quality

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### RAI Quality Reviewed Successfully

- Reviewed a sampling of RAIs to determine if the RAI guidance was being followed
- Found general adherence with opportunities to improve

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