



# RIC 2001

## Significance Determination and Enforcement Issues – Session W8

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# What is the relevance?

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- SDP relies on PRA
- PRA (IPE and IPEE)
  - up to date
  - utilize consistent national standards and methods
- SDP is risk-related and could be explained to the public through risk comparisons
- Have you been successful in doing so?

# What is the purpose?

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- SDP and PI determine the NRC's level of resources at the nuclear power plant
- Does the SDP also determine the dividing line for directed correction through enforcement vs. voluntary correction?
- Does it encourage improvement?
- Is there any room in the process for recommendations?

# Corrective Action Program

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- No SDP
- No way to assign a color to a CAP finding
- Does this mean CAP is unimportant?
- How are you conveying information about CAP?

# Explain this simply:

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- One SDP can reach a “no color” conclusion
- Others can have miscellaneous findings
- Others can have “blue” findings
- Others can have “NF” findings
- Process remains complicated and confusing

# Viewed from the outside...

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- **Process is not transparent**
- **Alternate Dispute Resolution allows some negotiations that are not visible to the public**
- **Are there other pieces of information exchanged between utility and regulator which could improve performance?**
- **Are they ever captured in writing and made publicly available?**

# Need independent review

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- **National Association of Public Administrators**
  - independent
  - regulators/ government officials
  - can understand enforcement decisions
  - can advise on open communication
  - can advise on building public confidence