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Improvements in NRC Regional/Headquarters Interface

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- Challenge in Processing Potential Fire Protection ROP Findings
  - Licensing basis not adequately considered
  - Overly focused on technical issues
  - Inadequate research of similar enforcement issues
  - TIA Process resulted in several rounds of questions and answers without resolution
- Solution- Proactive Collegial Approach

Improvements in NRC Regional/Headquarters Interface

- Team Working Together Is Important
  - Regions identify significant issues
  - Tech Staff provides technical input
  - Projects is the expert on the licensing basis
  - Projects facilitates the most efficient and effective process
  - OGC provides legal input
  - OE provide enforcement perspective
  - Projects provides coordination, oversight and closure

Improvements in NRC Regional/Headquarters Interface

- If No TIA (Task Interface Assistance) Is Required Then-
  - Straight forward and obvious
  - Answered in previous TIA
  - Does not concern policy
  - Mutually agreed very low safety significance
- Answer by Telephone or E-Mail
- Project Manger should document resolution of draft TIA by memo to file
- If TIA Issued
  - Reflects the collective judgment of the staff