



Common Language for a Common Understanding

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Common Language Initiative

- Industry Requested
 - Develop a common language for safety culture for both NRC and the industry to reduce misunderstanding about the correlation between NRC and INPO identified issues
 - Joint effort with the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI), the Institute for Nuclear Power Operations (INPO), and other stakeholders.
 - NRC hosted a series of workshops from 2011 through 2013 to develop the language

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Development Process

- NRC facilitator conducted the workshops
- Started with the current safety culture language from the NRC Reactor Oversight Process, the INPO principles, and the International Atomic Energy Agency safety culture characteristics
- Workshop members combined all of the information into subgroups and then identified which Commission safety culture policy statement trait each subgroup should be under
- Identified an additional trait to describe reactor safety culture – Decision Making

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Development Process – cont.

- Developed attributes for the traits and definitions and examples for each attribute
- Final workshop was held in January 2013

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Next Steps

- Development of a NUREG containing the new Safety Culture Common Language for Reactors
- NRR will work to incorporate language into the ROP guidance documents and inspection procedures, as appropriate. Incorporation will be within the Commission directed ROP framework
- INPO will update guidance documents to reflect the new language

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Summary

- Common Language initiative was a successful collaborative effort
- Used current language and improved it for better usability
- NRC will incorporate the Common Language into the ROP as appropriate
