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NNSA Governance





NNSA Governance Model Critical Factors



- Rigor and implementation of oversight for nuclear and high-hazard activities is maintained and enhanced; oversight for other activities is graded based on risk
- NNSA's system of management controls is clearly and specifically defined to ensure a common understanding
- NNSA's requirements and standards system leverages commercial industry standards and requirements to effectively and efficiently accomplish the mission of achieving programmatic objectives in a safe, secure, and compliant manner with environmental standards

NNSA Governance Model Critical Factors



- R2/A2s at NNSA HQ, Site Offices, and Contractor organizations are clearly aligned; all personnel work effectively on implementation
- Specific and objective metrics establish a performance baseline, measure the effectiveness and efficiency of the mission accomplishment, and incorporate feedback and improvement mechanisms
- Programs and support functions are benchmarked with industry standards to ensure they are providing the desired results

Roles and Responsibilities



- Minimize duplication of effort
- Improve integration
- Move decision authority closer to the work
- Increase accountability

M&O Specific

- Rigorous reviews for nuclear and high hazard activities
- Determine/recommend the most cost effective means of accomplishing the mission
- Establish, implement, and execute a comprehensive, effective, and sound performance assurance program
- Create and maintain a transparent assurance system
- Attract and maintain the highest quality workforce

Requirements Analysis Process/CAS



Requirements Analysis:

- Focus requirements on outcome, not process
- Use voluntary consensus standards where possible
- Allow flexibility and expect innovation/performance improvement

Contractor Assurance System (CAS) Purpose:

- Measure, improve, and demonstrate performance and ensure that mission objectives/contract requirements are met
- Integrate its governance and management systems to achieve acceptable contract performance outcomes and provide assurances to NNSA/DOE that it will deliver on mission objectives
- Provide transparency, build trust, ensure alignment to accomplish mission needs, and allow NNSA/DOE to optimize its oversight functions by leveraging the processes/outcomes of its Contractors

Integrating Assessment Efforts/Contractor Performance Evaluation



Integrating Assessment Efforts:

- Multiple levels of internal oversight (DOE/DOE HQ, NNSA/DOE Site Offices, Contractors)
- Integrate efforts eliminate unnecessary redundancy (Shift from a "directive-based" to a "risk informed" assessment identification process model - from independently developed Site and HQ assessment plans to integrated plans)
- Maintain independence and overlap where appropriate

Contractor Performance Evaluation:

- Increase accountability for performance
- Enhance evaluation approach and criteria
- NAP-21, Transformational Governance and Oversight

NNSA Governance Effectiveness Reviews



Two Phases:

1. Validation

- Performed by Site contractor or other independent organization
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the Contractor's CAS
- NAP-21 two stages:
 - 1. Review design for compliance with contract
 - 2. Determine Readiness for Affirmation.
- No federal involvement

2. Affirmation

- Performed by an independent federal team
- Performed after successful validation
- Evaluates Contractor and Site Office (LOCAS)
- NAP-21 specifies criteria in Attachment 4
- Site Manager decides when





Governance Goal: A smaller and less expensive enterprise that leverages the scientific and technical capabilities of the workforce and infrastructure to meet the nuclear security mission safely and securely

What Governance is **NOT**:

- An effort to eliminate Federal oversight for critical safety/security functions
- An effort to achieve program accomplishment at the expense of safety, security or environmental performance