

Cook Unit 2 Refueling Outage ALARA Success: 34 Person Rem

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2009 Performance



- Unit 2 refueling outage 33.8 person-rem
 - Lowest ever for 4 loop Westinghouse ice condenser.
 - 4th lowest ever for US PWR
 - Excellent chemistry – crud burst 0.855 uCi/g
estimated 0.87 uCi/g
 - Lower containment dose rate decrease by 25%
- Unit 1 turbine outage (~15 months) 4.2 person-rem
- On-line 4 person-rem
- Total dose 2 units <42 person-rem

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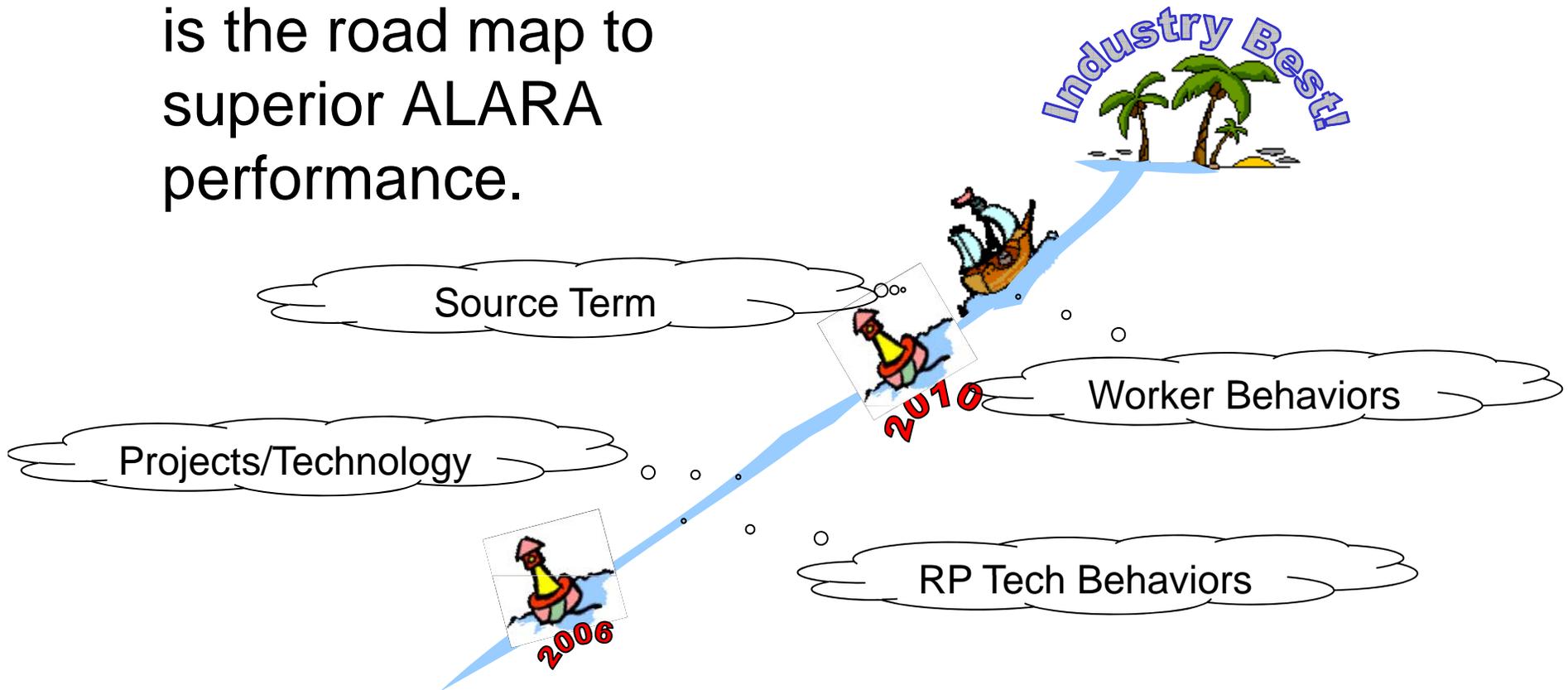


- Development and execution of 5 year plan
 - Clear benefit, not just dose but eliminating risk
 - Clear owners with due dates
 - Clear cost to allow appropriate forecasting
- Resource commitment
 - Spent ~\$25,000,000 on just alara dose reduction initiatives
- Dedication
- Manage distractions

Cook Five Year ALARA Plan



- At Cook, the 5-Year Dose Reduction Plan is the road map to superior ALARA performance.



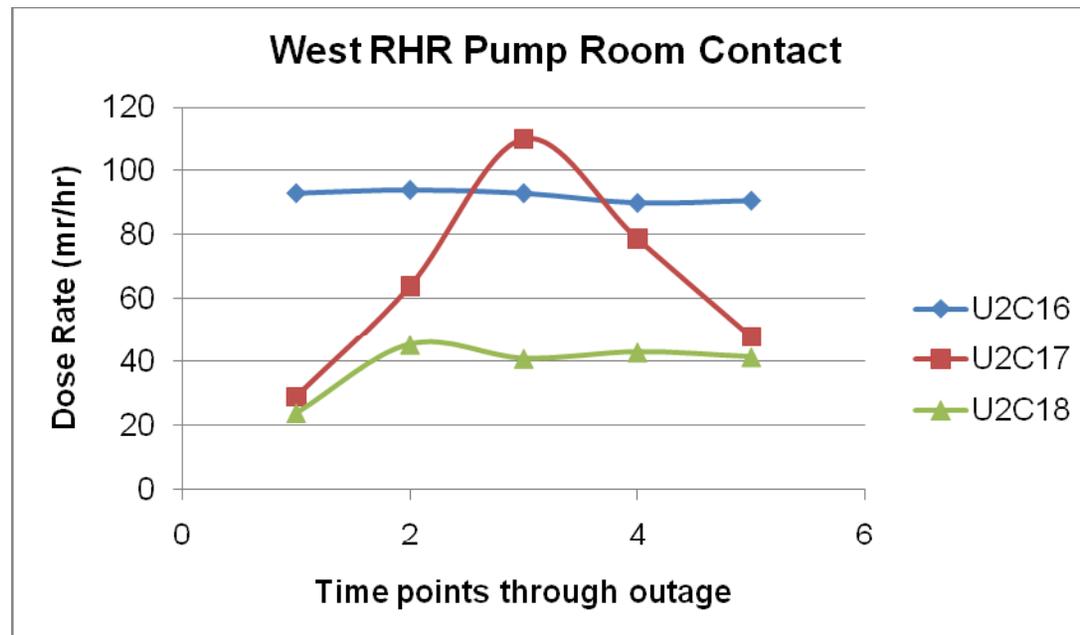


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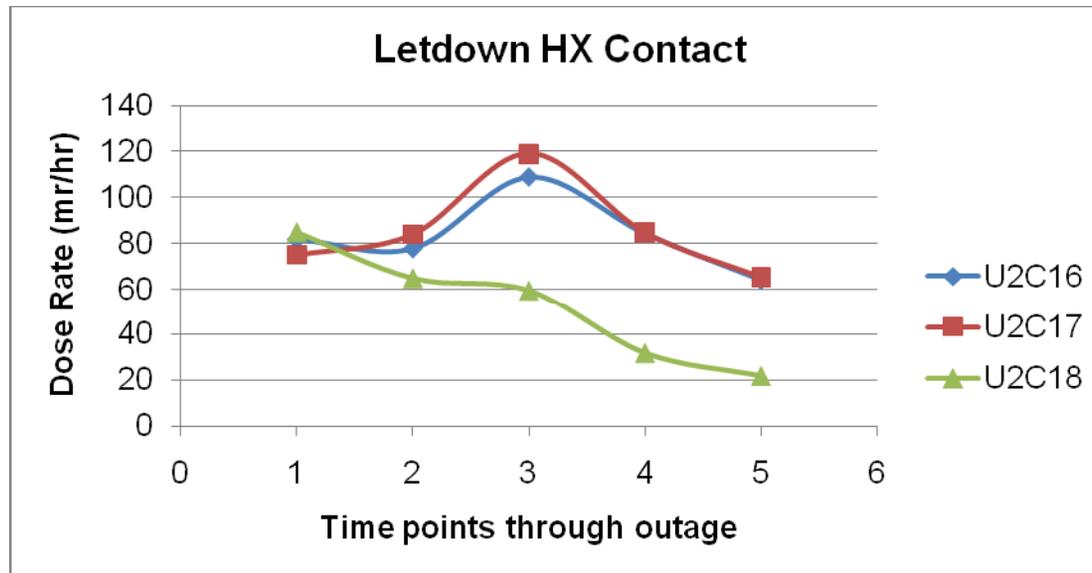


- Shutdown and Startup chemistry
- PRC resin (unit 2)
 - Crud burst 2.5 uCi/g to .855 uCi/g
 - Removed 1003 gram Ni during crud burst and 299 grams during start-up
- pH to 7.3
 - This change allows lithium concentrations to be controlled at levels high enough to produce a constant pH throughout the cycle, minimizing early cycle corrosion product deposition on fuel surfaces and subsequent transport out of the reactor core

Dose rates



Dose Rates



Projects/technology

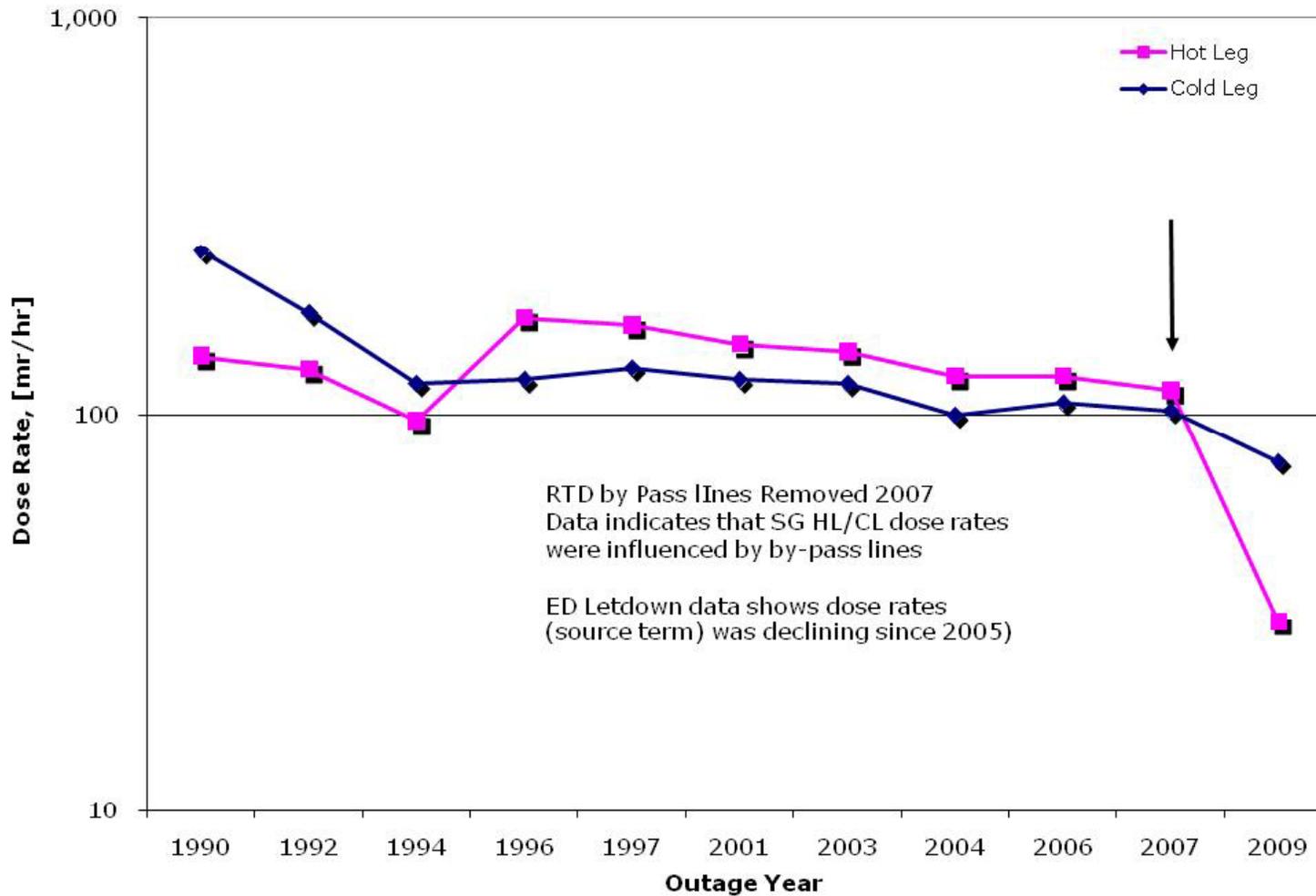


- Remove RTD by pass manifolds
- The RDT bypass lines were installed in Westinghouse reactors to provide a coolant temperature SCRAM indicator.
- The lines were small in diameter (~2 inches). Over years of operation, the lines became a “CRUD trap”.
- 25-30% (20-24 person-Rem) Reduction in outage dose has been estimated by the component removal

Impact of RTD Bypass Line Removal



DC Cook U2 Hot Leg & Cold Leg
Average Dose Rates

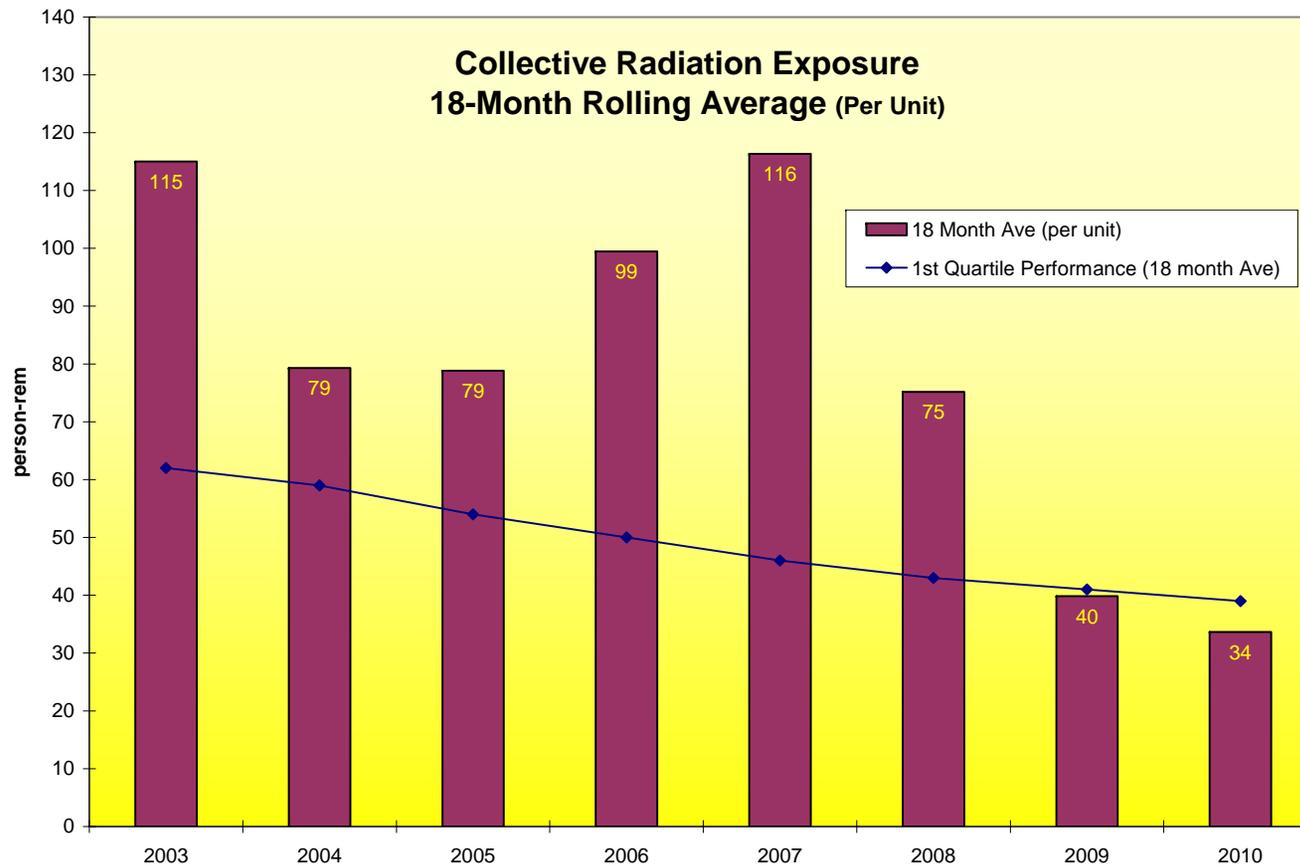




Behaviors

- All workers are evaluated in a RP DLA once every three years (won TIP award 2007).
- Specific work groups 1 to 2 years
- All contract RPs evaluated in RP DLA
- Job specific RP training in a job coverage simulator (remote monitoring)
- ALARA Planning - micro alara jobs >10 mrem.

18 month Rolling Average is Projected



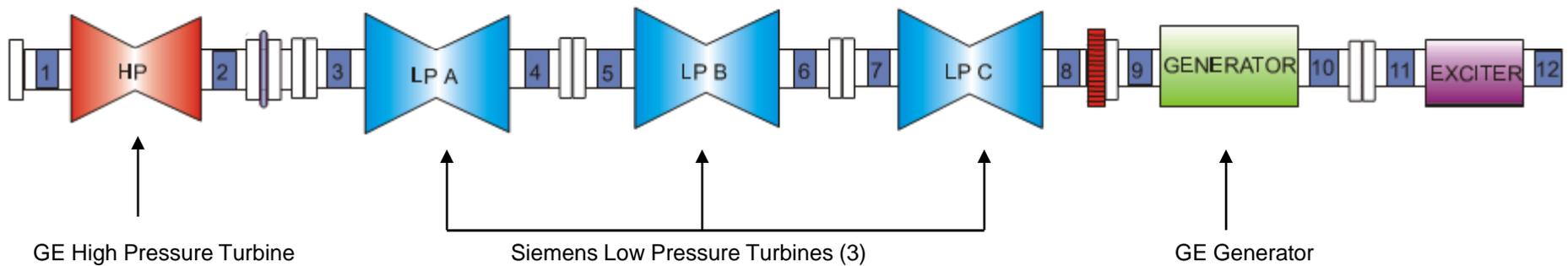
Keeping Focus of Execution

- On Saturday, September 20, 2008 at 2005 hours, the control room experienced simultaneous high-high vibration readings on all main turbine bearings with severe vibration and rumbling felt coming from outside the control room.
- The reactor operator manually tripped the reactor within 5 seconds, all control rods fully inserted, and major systems functioned as designed (Good operator response).
- Turbine generator went from 1800 RPM to 0 RPM in less than 2 minutes.

Event Description



Unit 1 Main Turbine-Generator Overview



Damage Summary

- Fire damage to main generator/exciter housing
- Turbine damage
- Piping insulation damage
- Visible concrete damage around turbine
- Oil spills
- Damaged hangers and supports on various pipe systems



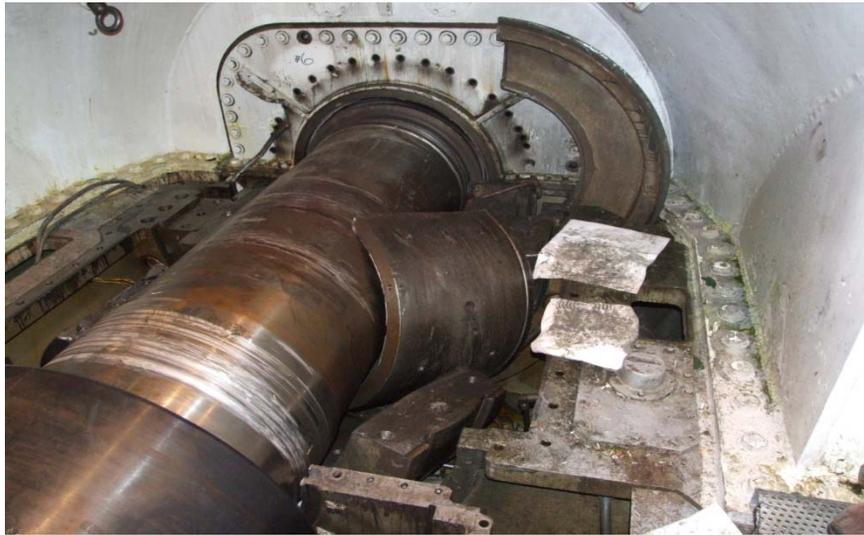
Excellent Response to Event- No Injuries

Damage Summary



- LP turbine exhaust hoods
 - LP turbine exhaust hoods display evidence of blade impact
 - All blades were contained within turbine hoods
 - Bearing housings were displaced

Damage Summary



- Turbine shafts
 - No coast down or turning gear operation
 - Significant shaft scoring
 - Bearing damage evident at all 12 main bearing locations

Initiating Event

- Blade #40 on LP turbine B, turbine side (LP B TS) is liberated due to high cycle fatigue
- Blade #56 on LP B TS also exhibited high cycle fatigue and is liberated during the event
- Blade #189 on LP turbine C TS also exhibited high cycle fatigue and is liberated during the event
- Blades #29 and #64 on LP B TS fracture in overload during the event
- The loss of 5 L-0 blades creates a severe unbalance condition on the rotor



- The high vibration of the unbalanced turbine causes extensive damage to connected systems.



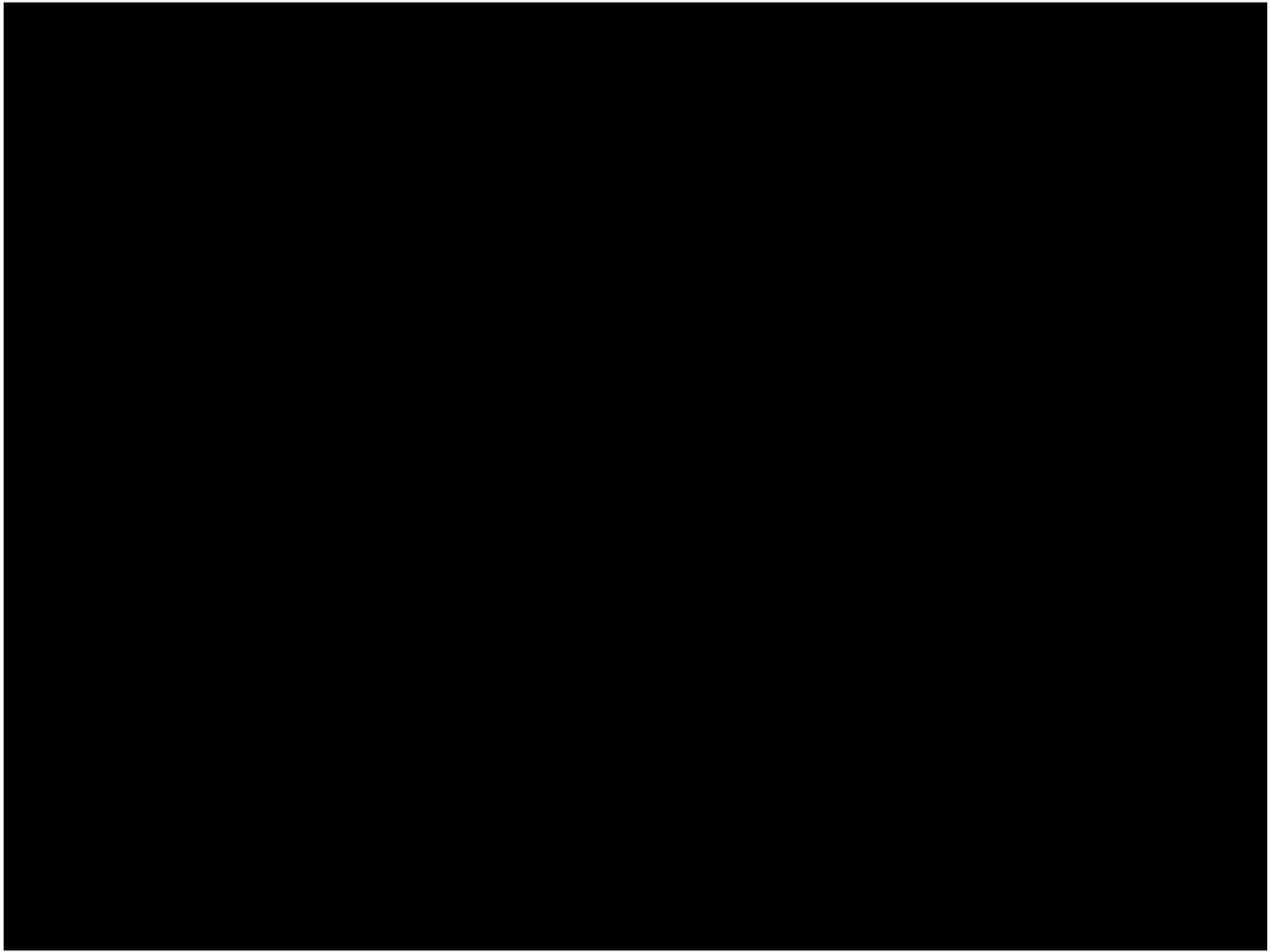
Magnitude of Event

- 59,500 pounds (210 miles) of weld rod
- 43,000,000 pounds safely lifted
- 18,720 rotating blades replaced
- 17,140 stationary blades replaced
- 80,000 pounds of material removed from LP rotors
- 14,800 tasks were completed
- 27,700 ft³ of asbestos removed (71 basketball courts 1" thick)
- 12,561 air samples taken
- 8,000 ft² of lead paint removed



Magnitude of Event

- 48,571 (~108/day) work observations performed
- 486 cables replaced and 58,000 feet of temp cable used
- >3,000,000 person-hrs worked No lost time or restricted
- 5,500 Linear feet of pipe was removed and replaced
- 85,000 parts tracked
- Erected enough scaffolding to build a road 10' high by 10' wide for 4 miles
- 960 engineering requests generated
- 23 motors removed and shipped for repair and installed
- 12 bearings rebuilt/replaced



How to keep focus

- Keep ALARA committee a priority
- Separate event
- Keep your key people
- Make key imitative part of incentive plan
- Don't let momentum stop
- Make sure what you ask for is priority

QUESTIONS?

