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Objectives: Present the benefits to a partnership between site and vendor ALARA.

Comments: "Partners in Performance" denotes: (1) An agreement to work together for a common goal, (2) An understanding that if one side benefits, the other side benefits, and (3) A decision that both the NSSS vendor and the utility are in this business together. RP and NSSS vendor cooperation leads to increased communication, decreased misperceptions, less stress and less exposure.

An effective means in improving communications between work groups is through the use of a liaison. This had always been done with the production group. Through lessons learned at a utility prior to working with the Diablo Canyon Power Plant (DCPP), the vendor decided to use an ALARA Engineer as the liaison. This proved to be very effective at this utility. It was decided that an RP liaison, an ALARA Engineer, would be utilized at DCPP. This formed the basis for ALARA Partners in Performance. DCPP's ALARA program and Vendor Radiation Exposure Management benefited greatly from this partnership.

Remarks/Potential for dose limitation: Benefits of an ALARA Partnership:

- It provides a "common thread" between utilities performing similar work scopes.
- It provides a single point contact for addressing radiological concerns.
- It provides a pathway for lessons learned to be followed for implementation by both parties.
- It enables the focus of effort to be on "real", not "perceived" problems.
- It insures support activities (ie, scaffolding) be implemented correctly the first time.
- It streamlines radiological control implementation, minimizing impediments to production duration.
- It benefits the utility by enabling planned work scopes to be completed using less schedule time.
- It benefits the vendor by reducing personnel exposures, thereby assuring extensive use of experienced personnel on subsequent jobs and improved job performance.
- It assures that ALARA is more than just hanging lead.

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