

TEMPORARY CHANGE REQUEST

TCR NO. TCR-QA-005, R4-001

(e.g., TCR-ENG-021,R0-001)

The Temporary Change Request (TCR) Form is to be used to process urgent or minor changes for PPPL Policies, Organization/Mission Statements and Procedures. The TCR should be used when changes are:

- 1) urgent, and can not wait the 2-4 week period for Department Head review/comment, or
- 2) minor, and do not warrant Department Head review.

Person Requesting Change: Frank Malinowski Phone Ext: 2203

Department Name: Quality Assurance

Document Number: Procedure QA-005 Revision No.: 4

Document Title: Control of Nonconformances

Reason for change:

- 1) To provide for processing of ITER NCRs using the USITER procedure and form.
- 2) To remove the mandatory RAP (required by the structure of the previous database) for each NCR.

Change description: (Summarize and attach changed pages, with changes clearly indicated)

Page 1: Applicability now says that USITER Project NCR's shall be processed using their procedure and form.

Page 2, Step 4, eliminates the requirement to generate a RAP for every NCR.

1. Does this TCR significantly alter the intent or scope of the document? YES: NO: X
2. Does this TCR significantly impact **ES&H**? YES: NO: X

If 1 or 2 is **YES**, Explain why the changes should not be routed for Department Head review:

Judy Malsbury

Department/Division Head Approval

10/28/2014

Date

Jim Graham for John DeLooper

Head, Best Practices and Outreach/designee

10/30/2014

Date

Release/Effective date of this TCR: 10/30/2014

Incorporate this TCR into next revision of this document?

YES: X NO:

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	Subject: Control of Nonconformances	Effective Date: July 19, 2011	Initiated by: Head, Quality Assurance
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Applicability

This procedure applies to any items and services that fail to meet specified standards. USITER Project NCR's shall be processed using their procedure and form. TCR-QA-005 R4-001

Introduction

Items, services, or activities that fail to conform to specified requirements shall be controlled to prevent their inadvertent installation or continued use. Provisions shall be made to identify, evaluate, and disposition such nonconformances. Provisions shall also be made to segregate the item or to stop the specific nonconforming activity or condition causing the nonconformance. Organizations affected by the discrepant item or activity shall be notified.

Section A addresses processing of PPPL-generated nonconformances, both those associated with items and services provided by suppliers and those associated with work performed in-house. Section B addresses processing of supplier-generated nonconformance documentation.

Reference Documents

Institutional QA Plan.
DOE O 414.1, *Quality Assurance*
10 CFR 830.120, *Quality Assurance*
QA-004 *PPPL Site Inspection Program*
GEN-029 *Investigation and Follow-up of Adverse Events and Conditions*

Definitions

Refer to Attachment 1 for definitions of terms used within this procedure.

PROCEDURE

Section A: PPPL-generated Nonconformance Reports

<u>Responsibility</u>	<u>Action</u>
Any Individual	1. Identifies a potentially nonconforming condition. Notifies Quality Assurance (QA).
Quality Assurance	2. Reviews potential nonconformances for validity and, if valid, notifies Cognizant Individual of the nonconformance. 3. Determines if the nonconformance involves an immediate life safety issue or a condition that will stop either the run of an experiment or a critical path activity (defined by Planning and Control or Project Management) for a week or more. If so, designates the NCR as "Critical", be hand distributed to the Cognizant Individual for expedited processing, and will have the Deputy Director for Operations added to the distribution 4. Generates a Nonconformance Report (NCR) and, when determined by QA to be appropriate, a "Hold" tag(s). TCR-QA-005 R4-001 Note: Documentation for the NCR should include any relevant photographs, sketches, references to specifications, or engineering requirements. Supporting evidence should also include a description of the method of inspection. 5. Issues NCR to the Cognizant Individual. Includes appropriate Procurement and Accounting representatives on the distribution for supplier-related nonconformances. Includes Deputy Director for Operations for Critical NCR's.

**Cognizant
Individual (Cog)**

- 6. Reviews NCR, evaluates the nonconforming condition, and proposes a disposition within 10 working days. If a disposition cannot be provided within 10 working days, notifies QA and provides an estimated time to complete the disposition. The disposition:
 - A. Shall be one of the following categories, as defined in Attachment 1:
 - a. Rework (reprocessing to bring the item back into conformance – see Attach. 1)
 - b. Reject (not suitable for be use in the intended application)
 - c. Repair (added processing to bring the item acceptably close to conformance – see Attach. 1)
 - d. Use-as-is
 - B. Must include technical justification. The justification, if related to an item or process, must identify the governing document, specification, or technical reference.
 - C. Must include, when applicable, actions to prevent recurrence and when applicable, similar items that should be checked for the same condition(s).
 - D. Must list any documents that require revision as a result of the disposition and ensures that these revisions are made.
- 7. If a supplier-related NCR and the Cognizant Individual’s proposed disposition is not Use-as-is, arranges for Procurement to notify the appropriate supplier of the nonconforming conditions and request the supplier’s recommended disposition.

Procurement

- 8. When requested, notifies the appropriate supplier of any nonconforming conditions. Requests the supplier’s recommended disposition and forwards it to the Cognizant Individual and QA. If required, negotiates NCR resolution with supplier, Cognizant Individual, and QA.

**Cognizant
Individual**

- 9. Provides a cost estimate for dispositions requiring rework or repair by PPPL staff. Signs and dates NCR.
- 10. Forwards the NCR to the Responsible Line Manager (RLM). If the RLM is the Cognizant Individual, forwards to next higher level manager for signature.

**Responsible Line
Manager**

11. Reviews the disposition and ensures that both the action to correct and the action(s) to prevent recurrence are appropriate. Ensures that the disposition complies with steps 5, 6, & 7 above. Indicates approval by signing and dating the NCR.

12. Forwards NCR to the Engineering & Infrastructure Associate Director.

Note: In some instances additional management reviews are required prior to obtaining this concurrence. For example, NCR's related to, but not limited to, radwaste shipments or fire protection systems (including penetrations) require additional review, approval and or distribution. These additional requirements can be found at

<http://www-local.pppl.gov/QA/MiscPub/AddlMgmtRvw.pdf>

**Engineering and
Infrastructure
Associate Director**

13. Reviews NCR's disposition and indicates approval by signing and dating the NCR. Forwards the NCR to QA.

Quality Assurance

14. Reviews the disposition for inconsistencies. If inconsistencies are identified, addresses them with the Cog. If disposition is acceptable, signs the NCR.

15. For Use-As-Is disposition, removes any Hold tag(s). For rejected items the QA inspector determines if there is a benefit to applying a Reject tag. Unless not practical, rejected items retained for use shall be tagged or marked with the NCR number to ensure awareness of the nonconforming condition.

16. Verifies, for internal work, that the nonconformance has been satisfactorily resolved. Removes any Hold tag.

17. Closes the NCR and maintains official version in associated RAP folder on the QA Server. When the RAP and all associated NCR's are closed, forwards paper copies of the RAP and NCR's to the Operations Center to be maintained as backup copies.

18. Provides, as a minimum, copies of the closed NCR to the Cognizant Individual, his/her supervisor, Engineering Department Head, Senior QA Inspector and the Quality Assurance Division Head. Additional requirements regarding distribution of NCR's, including those that are supplier-related, can be found at:

<http://www.local.pppl.gov/QA/MiscPub/AddlMgmtRvw.pdf>

Section B: Supplier-generated Nonconformance Reports

Responsibility

Action

QA or Procurement

1. Receives NCR (supplier designations will vary and may include Deficiency Report, Request for Waiver, or similar form names) documenting a nonconforming condition identified during processing or inspection. Forwards NCR to Cognizant Individual and QA or Procurement.

QA

2. Tracks PPPL processing of NCR.

Cognizant Individual

3. Reviews nonconforming condition against requirements and evaluates the Supplier’s disposition. Either concurs with the supplier’s recommendation and signs NCR or discusses concerns with QA and Procurement, who will work with the supplier and Cognizant Individual to get an acceptable resolution.

Cognizant Individual

4. Forwards the signed NCR to the Responsible Line Manager (RLM). If the RLM is the Cognizant Individual, forwards to next higher level manager.

Responsible Line Manager

5. Signs indicating concurrence with the disposition or returns NCR to Cognizant Individual to obtain an acceptable disposition. Forwards signed NCR to QA.

Note: Supplier forms will vary and may not have clearly delineated spaces for two customer signatures. Signatures should be identified as PPPL Concurrence and added wherever there is space on the form, preferably near the disposition.

QA

6. Reviews the disposition for inconsistencies. If inconsistencies are identified, addresses them with the Cog. If disposition is acceptable, forwards the NCR to Procurement.

Procurement

7. Returns signed NCR to Supplier for inclusion in the Processing History.

Cognizant Individual

8. Provides a copy of the NCR, with the Processing history, to the Operations Center or Project’s designated records repository.

Attachments

1. Definitions
2. Sample NCR Form
3. Sample Hold and Reject Tags
4. Procedure Flow Diagram

DEFINITIONS

- HOLD Tag:** A means of identifying that an item is not to be used until the nonconforming condition is corrected.
- Risk Assessment Plan (RAP):** The RAP, also known as Quality Inspection Plan, is a document used by QA/QC to plan inspections. It is generated using the QA RAP/NCR/PQA Database. The structure of this database requires that a RAP exist for all NCR's. See procedure QA-004 for further information and a sample RAP.
- Reject:** An unacceptable item that is subject to be scrapped or returned to the supplier. A rejected item may also be used, with or without modification, for a different application.
- REJECT Tag:** The reject tag indicates that the item is "Rejected" and is not to be used.
- Repair:** The process of restoring an item's nonconforming characteristic to a condition such that the capability of that item to function reliably and safely is unimpaired, even though the item might still not conform to the original requirement.
- Rework:** The process by which an item is made to conform to original requirements by completion or corrective action.
- Use-as-is:** A disposition permitted for a nonconforming item when it can be established that the item is fully satisfactory for its intended use.

Sample Nonconformance Report Form

Attachment 2

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PPPL NONCONFORMANCE REPORT NO: _____		Rev # _____	Open Date _____
Status _____	Trend _____		
Department _____	Division _____		
Source/Org _____			
Item Drawing/Part# _____	Procurement # _____	Cost Center _____	
RAP # _____	Job Doc# _____	Vendor _____	
RAP Title: _____			
<input type="checkbox"/> Hold Tag Applied			
Nonconforming Condition include requirements violated:			
Lot Size Recd _____	Sample Size Insp _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Lot Rejected	# Rejected _____
Reported By _____	Validated By _____	Validated Date _____	
Disposition: Rework*___ Repair*___ Use As Is*___ Return To Vendor*___ Scrap*___			
For rework or repair of vendor supplied equipments, fill in information below: #Hours _____ \$Est Labor _____ \$G&A _____ \$Material _____ \$Burden _____ \$Total _____			Distribution Cog _____ Insp _____ Proj. Doc Control (when closed) QC Files Malsbury J Boscoe J
Disposition By _____	Date _____		
Supervisor's Concur _____	Date _____		
Eng. Dept. Head Concur _____	Date _____		
Other(WCO) Concur _____	Date _____		
PQA/QC Mgr Dispo _____	Date _____		
QC Field Verification By _____	Date _____		

QA INSPECTION HOLD	
Date _____	NCR No. _____
SPEC/DW'G/P.O.# _____	
COMMENTS _____ _____ _____	
QA _____	Engr. _____

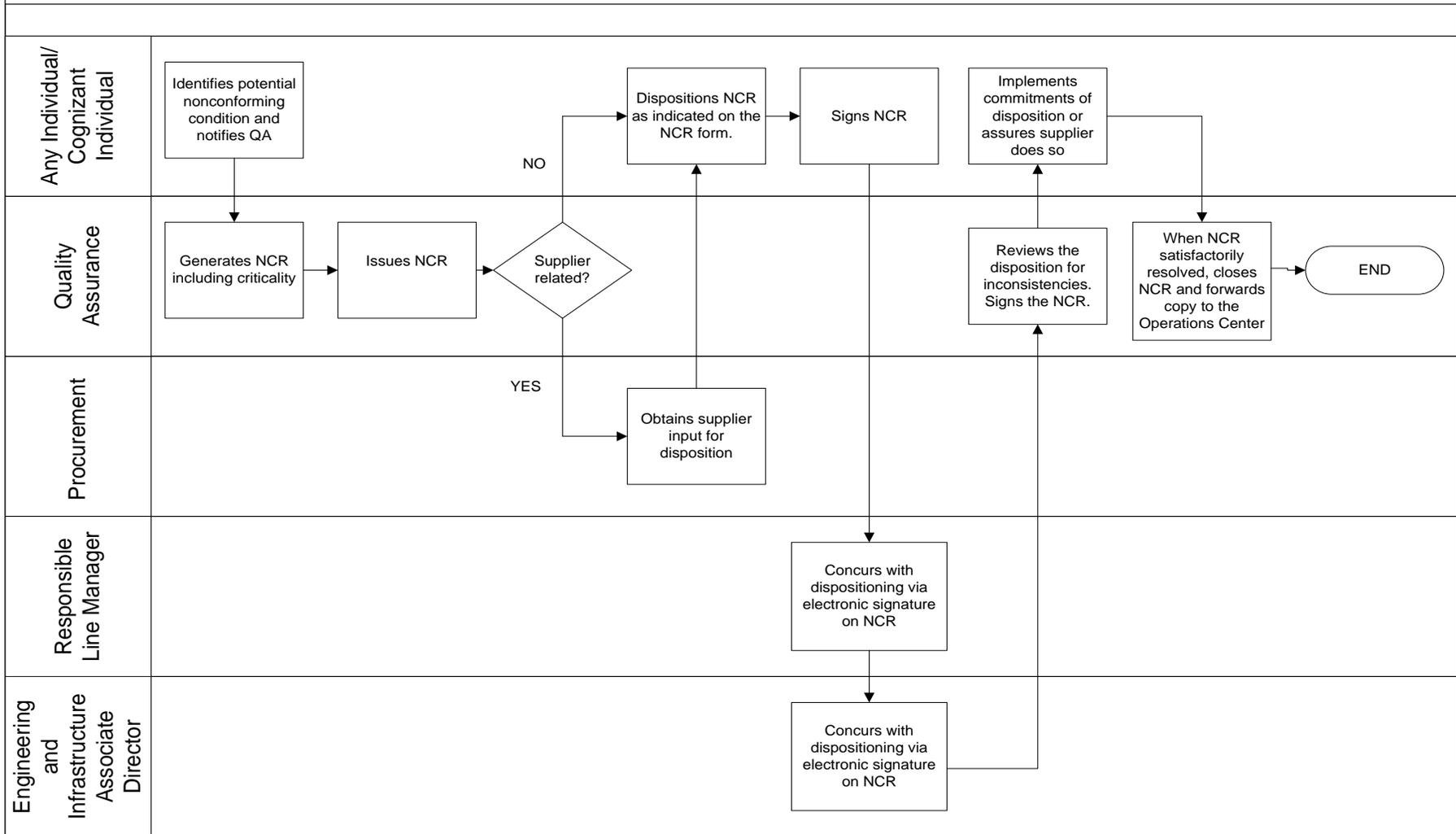
(Yellow) HOLD Tag

QA INSPECTION REJECT	
Date _____	NCR No. _____
SPEC/DW'G/P.O.# _____	
COMMENTS _____ _____ _____	
QA _____	Engr. _____

(Red) REJECT Tag

Control of Nonconformances (QA-005, R4) - Section A: PPPL-generated Nonconformance Reports

(Only success paths are indicated in this flow diagram. See body of procedure for error paths.)



Control of Nonconformances (QA-005, R4) - Section B: Supplier-generated Nonconformance Reports

(Only success paths are indicated in this flow diagram. See body of procedure for error paths.)

