QA ENHANCEMENT WORKSHOP SHORT-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS

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Short Term Recommendations

Objectives:

- Begin to address QA issues
- Integrate short term with overall process

Positive results that will merge with long term

Address real "causes" not symptoms

Short Term Recommendations cont.

Benefits:

- Credibility by producing results
 Technical Staff
 Management
- Relieve staff to work on Workshop Issues
- History to evaluate process (Prototype change process)
- Start dialogue to come to common understanding

Short Term Focus Areas

- Simplify Publications Release Process
- Establish Effective (not excessive) Training
- Simplify Procedures and Maintain Flexibility
- Clarify, Simplify, and Add Traceability to Document Hierarchy

Publications Release

Approach

- Emphasize Participant Technical Review
- Utilize Normal Scientific Review Process
- Accept Risk Typical of Scientific Endeavors

Progress

- AP 1.3Q revision approval 2/13/91
- Project issues focus--not technical reviews
- Clearing out old documents first--implementation effectiveness for recent reports not yet known

Effective Training

Approach

- As Needed-not Blanket
- Read and Sign When Appropriate
- When Needed

Progress

- Training to internal procedures without duplicate APQ training
- Participants exercising more judgement Readiness Reviews trigger training for Quality Affecting work
- Greater use of read and sign (94% classroom--FY89, 40% FY 91)
- Effectiveness Survey

Simplification and Flexibility

Approach

- Flexible Implementation
- Priority on Technical Quality not Rigid Procedures

Progress

- Software QA
- Grading
- Notebook Procedures

Document Hierarchy

Approach

Educate on Existing Hierarchy

Progress

 Participant level discussions-not formalized Document Review Procedure

Conclusions

Progress has been made

Additional Benefit--Project Participants technical staff, YMPO management and QA coming to common understanding