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Consistency in Quality Assessments

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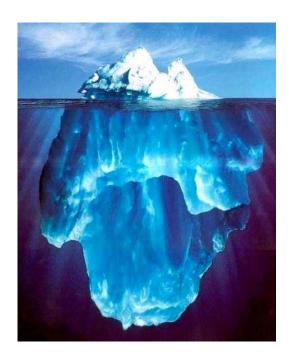
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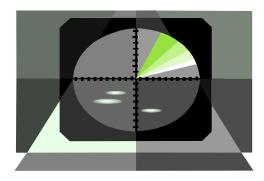
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Situation



- Program showing signs of difficulties
- How to determine if the problem is:





Tip of the Iceberg or Blip on the Radar Screen Use Process Compliance to help assess

Agenda



- Background
- Action
- Results
- Conclusion
- Suggestions

Background



- Harris policy requires compliance to Integrated Process Manual (IPM) as tailored by each program
- IPM specifies requirements for all required models, standards and best practices for program execution
- Harris monitors compliance to IPM using Process Compliance Monitor (PCM) tool
 - "What You Measure You Will Improve."
 - author unknown
- IPM Compliance is a leading indicator for programs
- If a program is having trouble
 - is it the tip of an iceberg or
 - just a blip on the radar
- Need to find out, need to look at Process Compliance

Definitions

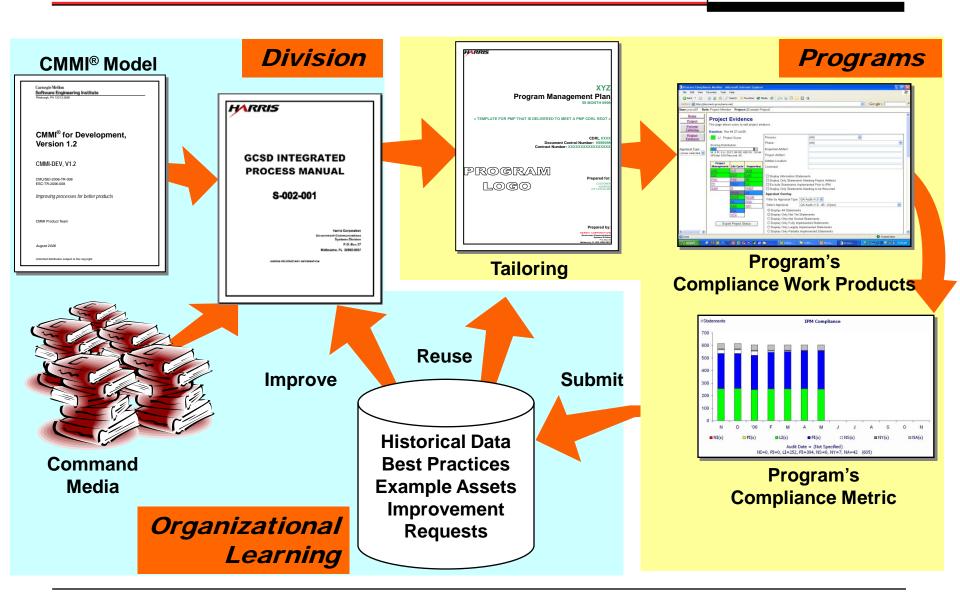


- Process Requirements statements that explain what products or processes are expected for proper program execution of required processes
- Process Baseline process requirements accepted or modified by program for their application of the process requirements, considered a tailored baseline
- Process Compliance demonstrating implementation of required processes per tailored baseline

At Harris we capture a compliance score that represents the level of process compliance in the Process Compliance Monitor (PCM) tool by evaluating compliance with statements that identify the different requirements for each process area

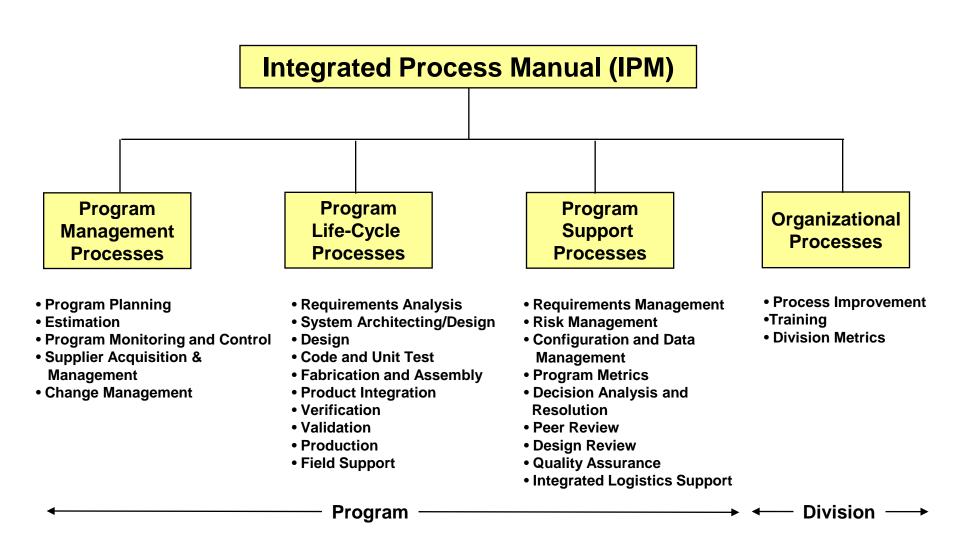
Integrated Compliance Approach





Integrated Process Structure

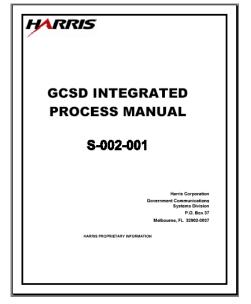




Where are Work Products Required? HARRIS



Overview A brief description of the process intent						
Entry Criteria State, Prerequisites, Criteria State, Criteria						
Inputs Needed work products, resources Outputs Resulting work products						
Required Activities Mandatory tasks to implement the process						
Measures Process performance against plans						
Organizational Improvement Metrics, reusable work products	Information					



Program work products needed to demonstrate IPM process compliance

Tailoring Guidance

Verification

Approved tailoring, process specific

Implementation Guidance

Process compliance oversight

Common implementation descriptions

Supporting Documentation and Assets

Applicable organizational references

Process Compliance Color Scores HARRIS



ASSESSMENT STATUS COLORS

PROCESS COMPLIANCE COLORS

NY	Not Yet	 To be appraised at a later date (i.e., the process has not yet been executed by the program and cannot be appraised) Outside the scope of the project (e.g., Code and Unit Test Process is not applicable to a production-type program) 					
NA	Not Applicable						
NS	Not Scored	Pending an appraisal					
FI	Fully Implemented	 Work Products are present and appropriate (Note 2) No weaknesses noted (Note 1) 					
LI	Largely Implemented	 Work Products are present and appropriate (Note 2) One or more weaknesses noted (Note 1) 					
PI	Partially Implemented	 Work Products are missing in the initial scoring audit or Work Products are inadequate (Note 3) One or more weaknesses noted (Note 1) 					
NI	Not Implemented	Work Products are missing for more than 30 days from the initial scoring audit.					

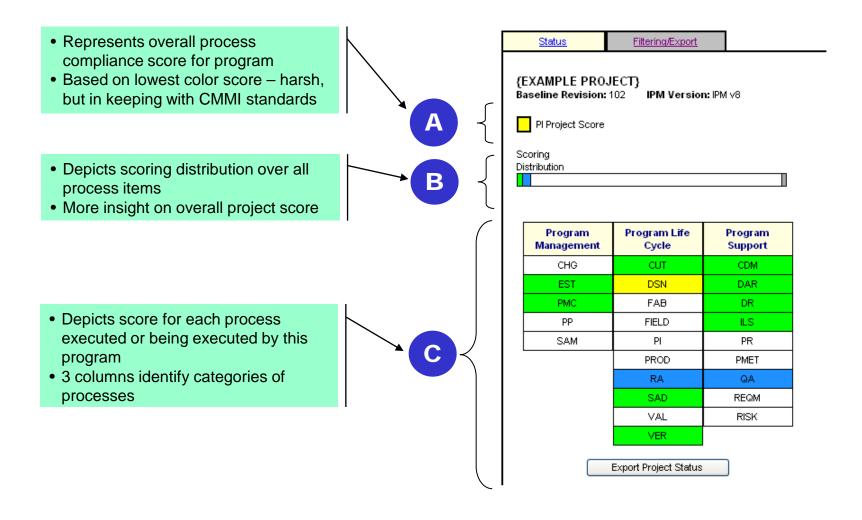
A weakness ("gap") is considered if it is an impact to or risk of implementation of the process statement Note 1:

Note 2: An appropriate work product is the IPM Expected Work Product or equivalent that demonstrates implementation of the process statement

Note 3: An inadequate work product does not demonstrate implementation of the process statement

Process Compliance





Program Issues



- Program claims IPM Compliance but is not being demonstrated in PCM (Red)
 - Work Products not entered into PCM
 - Statements not scored
- Program claims not enough time to work PCM, need to deliver products not show compliance
- Many Quality Engineers on program but all too busy
- Engineering Change Proposal (ECP) recently added development work to previously only production job
 - Need to re-tailor baseline to add other program life cycle process areas (SAD, CUT, FAB, PI, etc.)

Possible Solutions



- Do nothing, leave PCM Red
- 2. Wave PCM monitoring
- 3. Provide additional support to verify compliance

Management chose #3 - verify compliance

Management Action



- Management assigned Division Process Group (DPG)
 Point of Contact (POC) to assist program
 - Help with adding development process areas to PCM baseline for new ECP
 - Develop Return to Green Plan
 - Provide mentoring and training as needed
 - Coordinate QE efforts
 - Inside vault work products
 - Outside vault work products
 - External reviewer

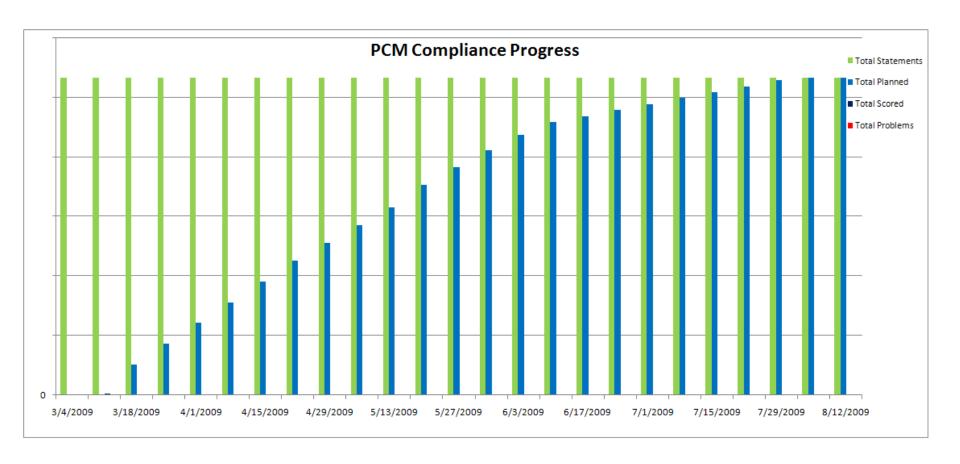
February Progress



- DPG POC met with Program Manager
 - Drafted DPG Statement of Work
 - Established DPG roles and responsibilities
- Investigated ECP
 - Recommended PCM baseline changes
 - Added life cycle process areas that were tailored out
- Met with QEs
 - QEs all have full time work without PCM effort
 - QEs are not all equally experienced with PCM
- Developed Return to Green Plan
 - Estimated 10 statements scored per week per QE

Original Return to Green Plan





6 Months to complete Process Compliance Effort - TOO LONG!

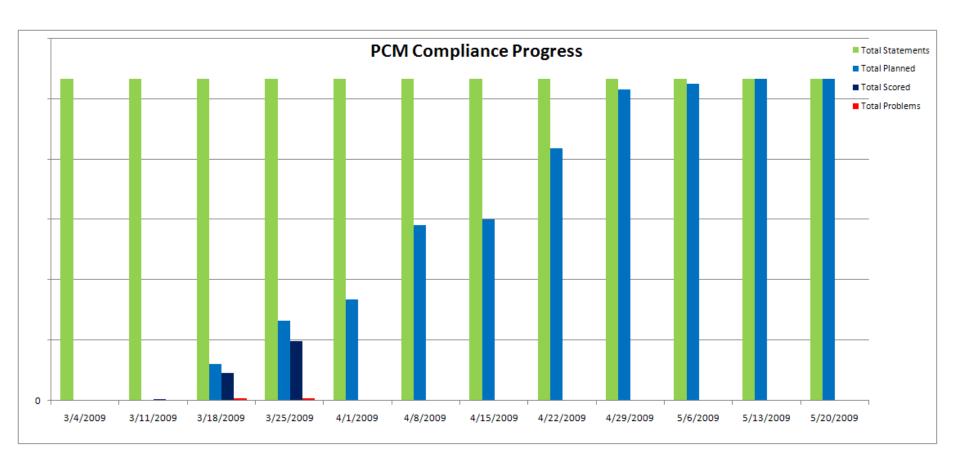
February Progress - continued -



- DPG POC met with Executive Management
 - Return to Green Plan time line unacceptable
 - Additional Quality Engineers assigned
 - Overtime authorized
- Updated Return to Green Plan
- Assessed PCM status
- Identified issues and needs
 - Training
 - Coordination
 - Encouragement

Updated Return to Green Plan





3 Months to complete Process Compliance Effort - BETTER!

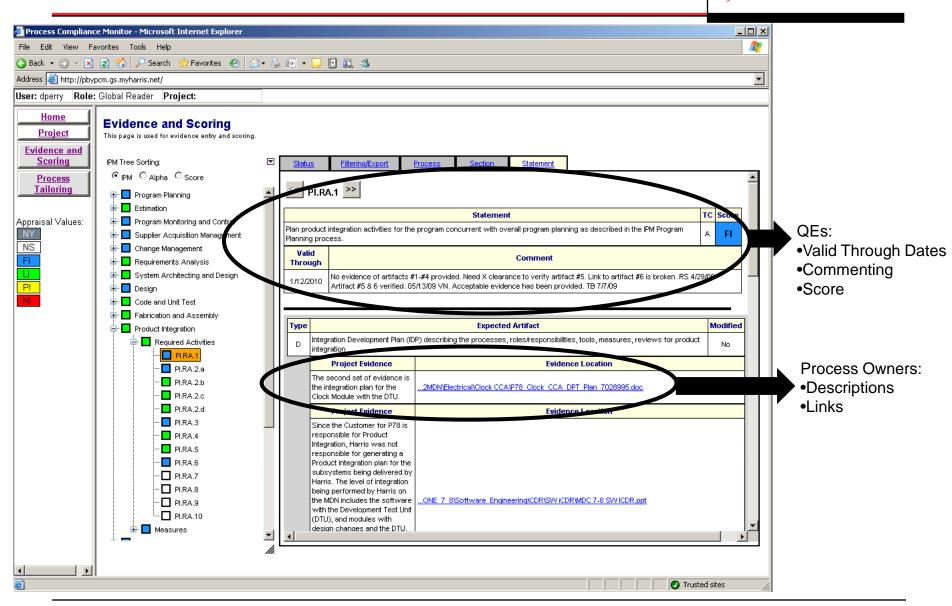
March Progress



- Provided additional training to QEs
 - PCM scoring standards and tool tips
 - Commenting
 - Valid through dates
 - Verification decomposition
 - Coordination (inside vs. outside)
- Identified external QE reviewer for Quality process area
- Provided additional training to program process owners
 - New process areas being added, new work products required
 - Standard directory structure reminder
 - Specific versus general work products and links
- PCM Scoring begins

PCM Scoring Example



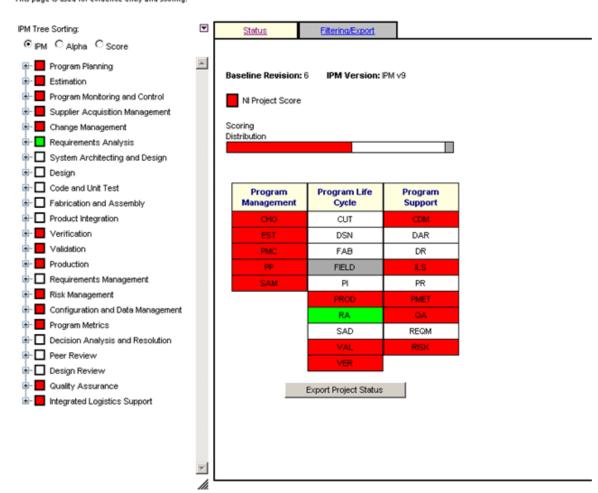


Early March PCM Status is Red



Evidence and Scoring

This page is used for evidence entry and scoring.



April Progress



- More work products entered
- More statements scored
- Issues identified
- Issued worked
- Compliance demonstration improving

April PCM Status is Yellow



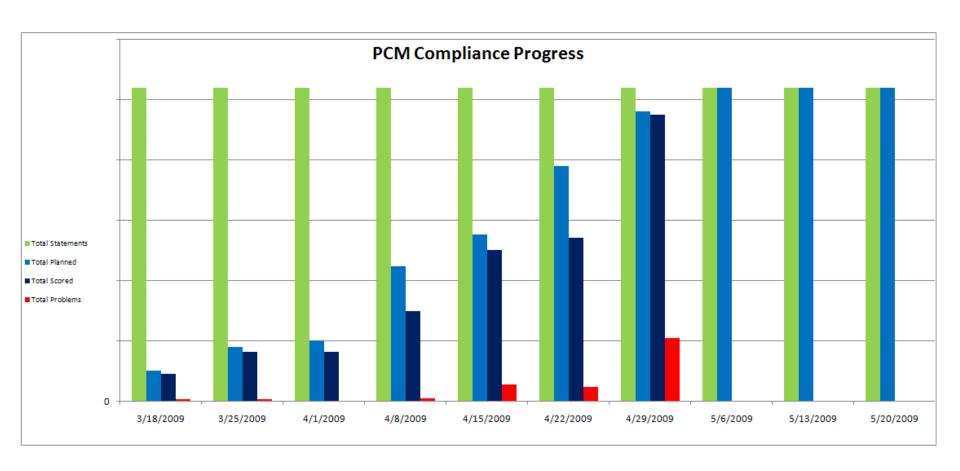


Program Management	Program Life Cycle	Program Support
CHG	CUT	CDM
EST	DSN	DAR
PMC	FAB	DR
PP	FIELD	ILS
SAM	PI	PMET
	PROD	PR
	RA	QA
	SAD	REQM
	VAL	RISK
	VER	

All of ILS marked as Not Yet due to phase of the program.

April Tracking Status





With more scoring you sometimes identify more issues!

May Progress



- Tracking progress
- Scoring statements
- Resolving issues
- Reporting status

May Open Issues Status



															Needs	
	OUT-	IN-									Re-	%	OPEN	Missing	vault	
PAs	SIDE	SIDE	SCOPE	N/A	NI	PI	LI	FI	NS	NY	score	Scored	ISSUES	links	review	Other
PP	Tres	Tres	ALL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.7%	89.3%	0.0%	0.0%	82.1%	100.0%	0	0	0	0
EST	Tres	Tres	ALL	6.7%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	85.7%	0.0%	0.0%	28.6%	100.0%	0	0	0	0
PMC	Tres	Tres	ALL	7.4%	0.0%	0.0%	16.0%	84.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0
SAM	Tres	Tres	ALL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	19.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0
CHG	Regan	Vince	ALL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0
RA	Regan	Tres	MDN ONLY	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	40.0%	60.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0
SAD	Regan	Tres	MDN ONLY	0.0%	0.0%	47.4%	5.3%	26.3%	0.0%	21.1%	52.6%	26.3%	14	2	5	7
DSN	Greg	Vince	MDN ONLY	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	85.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0
CUT	Regan	Vince	MDN ONLY	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	88.9%	0.0%	0.0%	11.1%	100.0%	0	0	0	0
FAB	Regan	Vince	MDN ONLY	0.0%	0.0%	33.3%	16.7%	16.7%	0.0%	33.3%	8.3%	66.7%	5	4	0	1
PI	Regan	Vince	MDN ONLY	0.0%	0.0%	68.8%	6.3%	12.5%	0.0%	12.5%	6.3%	31.3%	12	12	0	0
VER	Regan	Tres	ALL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	72.7%	0.0%	27.3%	18.2%	100.0%	0	0	0	0
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PROD	Vince	Vince	ALL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	80.0%	0.0%	20.0%	6.7%	100.0%	0	0	0	0
REQM	Regan	Tres	MDN ONLY	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	85.7%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	85.7%	1	0	1	0
RISK	Frank	Frank	ALL	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0
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DR	Regan		MDN ONLY	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	85.7%	7.1%	7.1%	7.1%	92.9%	1	0	0	1
QA	Regan	TBD	ALL	0.0%	0.0%	34.8%	13.0%	30.4%	0.0%	21.7%	26.1%	73.9%	11	2	3	6
ILS	Vince	Vince	ALL	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%	0.0%	25.0%	0.0%	62.5%	12.5%	37.5%	6	0	0	6
FIELD	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0	0	0	0
Totals				5.1%	0.0%	10.7%	13.6%	66.9%	0.3%	8.5%	28.5%	86.7%	55	25	9	21

Weekly meetings and up to date status helped to facilitate progress.

May PCM Status is Yellow



Baseline: Rev 7 - New IPM Baseline

Appraisal: 14 - Appraisal created due to new IPM Version (Open)

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PI Project Score

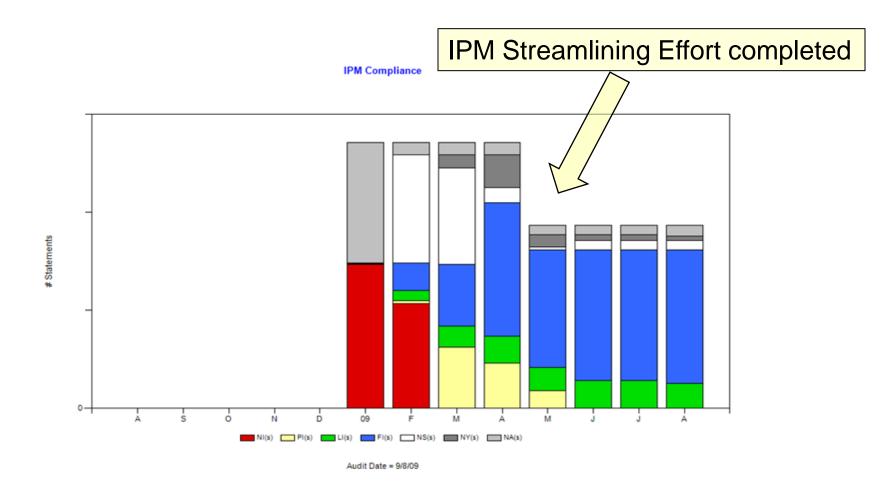
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Plans for ILS scored but many statements still Not Yet.

PCM Compliance Status Trends





SUCCESS! PCM Green in June!

Conclusions



- Program was process compliant, only minor issues
- Program process compliance is verified in PCM
- Program problems not due to lack of proper process
- What could we have done differently?
 - Increase QE consistency and competency
 - Require less monitoring
 - Risk Based Monitoring
 - Evaluate program for Risk and establish PCM process verification requirements based on Risk level
 - Priority Based Monitoring
 - Track process verification for most important process areas only based on program type and phase

Risk Based Monitoring



- All programs required to comply with their tailored version of IPM, but how much process compliance verification is needed?
- Evaluate Program Readiness Level
- Evaluate Program Risk Level
- Determine process compliance verification level based on these inputs

		RISK		
		Low	Med	High
	High	No PCM	Low PCM	Some PCM
READINESS	Med	Low PCM	Some PCM	More PCM
SS	Low	Some PCM	More PCM	Full PCM

Priority Based Monitoring



- All programs required to comply with their tailored version of IPM, but how much process compliance verification is needed?
- Determine Most Important Processes for Program Execution (MIPPEs)
- MIPPEs different per program and change over time
- Require PCM process verification for MIPPEs only

	Months									
	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Apr-10	May-10	Jun-10	Jul-10			
PES	PP	PP	PMC	PMC	REQM	REQM	FAB			
	EST	EST	RA	RA	DSN	DSN	CUT			
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Pros and Cons of Less Monitoring HARRIS



Pros

- Cost Savings
 - Less verification in PCM saves time and therefore dollars, allows the program team to concentrate on other tasks
- Programs tend to follow best practices anyway

Cons

- Higher Risk of Problem Programs
 - Less verification in PCM increases risk of programs not following all the required processes
 - Less chance of finding and correcting process problems
- Higher Risk for SCAMPI Readiness
 - Less verification in PCM increases risk of programs not being ready for SCAMPI

Lessons Learned



- QE consistency is desired by everyone
 - Provide more training, require and test for proficiency
 - Tool usage
 - Scoring competency
 - Perform more cross checking, functional leads facilitate
 - Between QEs
 - Across programs
 - Over time
 - Present QE Forums
 - Share information, changes, lessons learned and tips

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