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BARRIER MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM

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BARRIER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

- Barriers include
 - Walls
 - **□** Joints
 - Doors
 - Other openings
 - Windows
 - Ductwork
 - Pipes, conduits, etc.
 - Chutes, shafts, vertical openings

- Policy:
 - ■Define
 - Scope
 - Authority
 - Management process
 - □Interim Life Safety Measures
 - □ Pre-construction Risk Assessment

DEFICIENCY RESOLUTION

- Deficiency Resolution Options:
 - Correct it immediately
 - ☐ Correct it within 45 days
 - Management process that documents the deficiency and actions to resolve
 - ILSM must be considered
 - Plan For Improvement located in the Statement of Conditions™
 - Corrected within 6 months of the Projected Completion Date
 - ILSM must be considered



INTERIM LIFE SAFETY MEASURES

- Order of Standards (LS.01.02.01)
 - □ EP 1 & 2 regardless of ILSM policy
 - EP 3 must clearly define the ILSM policy including
 - AFS 10 Process
 - When to implement
 - What to do to protect occupants
 - Both construction related and noncompliance with the LSC
 - EPs 4 14 align with policy and implementation strategies



PRA EC.02.06.05 EPs 2 & 3

Preconstruction Risk Assessment (PRA)

Construction or renovation in occupied healthcare facilities can result in environmental problems such as:

- Noise
- Vibration
- Creation or spread of contaminants
- Disruption of essential services
- □ Emergency Procedures
- ■Air quality

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- Permit
 - ☐ Follows policy
 - Define when permits are issued
 - Define criteria for awarding permits
 - Define permit display requirements
 - □ Define scope of permit: where the work is being done
 - □ Define time frame for the permit will expire



- Educate
 - ☐ Facilities staff
 - Components of the Barrier System
 - Maintenance of the Components
 - □ All other staff
 - Barrier System awareness
 - Permit awareness
 - □ Contractors
 - Barrier Management expectations



- Inspect
 - Establish inspection frequencies
 - Hospital experience
 - Reliability Centered Maintenance
 - Document inspection activities
 - Management inspections
 - Verify quality
 - Modify program as needed



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