

Remote Supplier Assessments Process for ND weapons quality





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Rationale for remote supplier assessments

COVID-19 disruptions to the current ND weapons supplier assessment process

- Safety of Sandia staff during COVID-19 travel restrictions
- Supplier unwillingness to allow out of state visitors into their facilities
- Increase demand of "new" ND weapons supplier assessments linked to the W80-4 production and production initiatives such as Next Generation Interconnects and SNL/KCNSC Task Force

SNL remote assessment Pilot- Quick Pac



The SNL (02911) ND weapons supplier assessment process consisted of the standard NAP 401.1 checklist and agenda. Note: no changes were made to the standard

process

Documentation Review



Floor walkthrough:





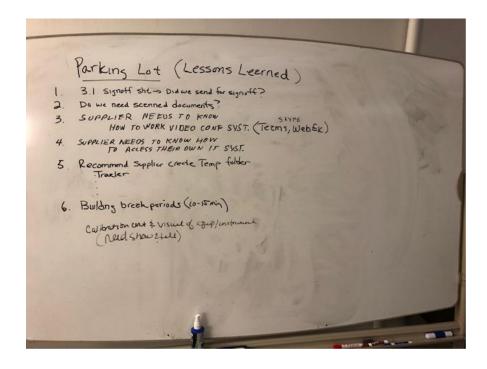
The remote activities are comparable to what is done on a on-site supplier assessment

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Lessons Learned

- Verify suppliers understanding of IT at least two days before audit
- Verify suppliers access to their information
- Temporary document/record folder makes research easier and prevents need to send proprietary information
- Prior to video process walk through, let supplier know to prepare equipment used on SNL product
- Be flexible with Supplier video or IT capabilities



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SNL remote assessment process/response to NNSA/FO inquiry (Report Writing & Closure)

The SNL (09461) ND weapons remote supplier assessment process report consists of the **exact same documents** used for on site assessments.

- 2.0-SNL Supplier Planning Meeting Guideline (mm/dd/yy)
- 3.0-SNL Supplier Assessment Agenda Template (mm/dd/yy)
- 3.1-SNL Supplier Assessment Notification Template (mm/dd/yy)
- 4.0-SNL NAP-24A Supplier Assessment Checklist Template (mm/dd/yy)
- 4.2-SNL NEA Assessment Checklist (mm/dd/yy)
- 6.0-SNL Supplier Assessment Report (mm/dd/yy)
- 7.0-SNL Supplier Corrective Action Report (mm/dd/yy)-if required

The only difference between an on-site assessment and a remote assessment is the use remote IT resources.

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Correspondence from NNSA/SFO

On 08/27/2020 and 2/13/2021, NNSA Field Office (Dan Dilley/Will Ortiz) provided written feedback on the new remote assessment process. The major feedback consisted of:

Dennis,

I appreciate the work you an Dan did to respond to SFO comments. I have reviewed the attachments and agree with them if implemented into procedures and policy .

I will add a few clarification that I feel are needed (below).

- We (SFO) recommend, <u>If</u> a remote supplier assessment is necessary and all gating criteria can be met, it only be conducted on a supplier that has had a previous on-site supplier QMS assessment from SNL.
- The rationale for remote assessments will be defined in RPP-608. This rationale shall describe all required
 gating activities that would make a remote assessment viable and equivalent to an on-site assessment. All
 established gating criteria will be met, documented, and accepted by your organization before proceeding
 with a remote assessment.

We request that you provide the updated procedures and policy when incorporated. Thank again. – Will

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2/13/2021 email from Will Ortiz