

Topic Area 2 Office Hours Q&A

Q: Do you expect a proposal to hit on multiple areas? Could a project with a fairly narrow focus to address one opportunity to streamline and reduce operating costs be responsive?

A: Yes. You could go either way on this and be responsive and successful. If you are focusing on one opportunity, if you could endeavor to put some bounds on the value proposition of why you think that one focus area is valuable to attack. But certainly a detailed proposal focusing on just one area can be successful.

Q: I've seen the RISA pathway mentioned in topic area 2, but topic Area 10 also has content related to PRA which I believe is also under the RISA pathway. Would it be better to submit to topic area 2 or topic area 10 if we have some ideas about the RISA pathway?

A: The line is a little blurred. If it is more aligned with safety margin characterization, the RISA Pathway in topic area 2 is the right place to support it. Topic area 10 is more focused on safe and secure operations of reactors and fuel cell facilities, so more on the UM/MC&A side. Topic area 10 combines MC&A and the physical security and safeguards and security across the whole fuel cycle both for the reactors and the front and back end as well as cyber security. We can also reassign to a different topic area if there's really a misfit.