



2026 Configuration Management Benchmarking Agenda
 Wyndham Lake Buena Vista - Disney
 Springs Area, Orlando, FL
 July 21, 2026 – July 23, 2026

Tuesday July 21, 2026

Time	Topic (T) / Breakout (B)	Presenter	Location
7:00 AM- 8:00 AM	Breakfast		Horizons 1-2 and 10-11
8:00 AM - 8:10 AM	(T) Welcome / Opening/Keynote	Andrew Neal/Josh Seales	General Session ballroom Horizons 3-5
8:10 AM - 8:55 AM	(T) WANO/INPO	Zack Wei	
8:55 AM - 9:25 AM	(T) Software configuration management OE	Andrew Neal	
9:25 AM - 9:35 AM	(T) Peter Girgis - NUOG	Peter Girgis	
9:35 AM - 10:05 AM	(T) International Nuclear challenges and solutions	Jan Kundrlik	
10:05 AM - 10:30 AM	Break		
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Participant questions panel benchmarking	Panel Participants	General Session ballroom Horizons 3-5
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch		Lakeview Restaurant
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	(T) AI in Configuration Management	Matt Yarlett	General Session ballroom Horizons 3-5
1:30 PM - 2:00 PM	(T) SDP Refresher and information	John Cope	
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Break		
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	(B) CM 101	Matt Yarlett	General Session Ballroom Horizons 3-5
	(B) International benchmarking	Young Son	Sandy Lake
	(B) SDP breakout	Jonathan Cope/Mike Arcand/Jason Brown	Rock Lake
4:15 PM - 6:00 PM (optional)	NUOG Vendor Exhibit Welcome Reception	N/A	Horizons Salons 10-11



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7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Breakfast		Horizons 1-2 and 10-11
8:00 AM - 8:10 AM	Welcome Back &Safety Brief	Peter Girgis - NUOG	
8:10 AM - 8:50 AM	(T) Bill of Materials (BOMs) Quality and Traceability	NUOG	General Session ballroom Horizons 7-9
8:50 AM - 9:30 AM	(T) AI-driven obsolescence solutions	Matt Yarlett	
9:30 AM - 10:00 AM	(T) 50.69 in support of obsolescence	Carrie Gilbreath	
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Break		
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	(B) 50.69 in support of obsolescence	Carrie Gilbreath / Andrew Neal	Rock Lake
	(B) AI-driven obsolescence solutions	Matt Yarlett	General Session ballroom Horizons 3-5
	(B) Bill of Materials (BOMs) Quality and Traceability	Roger Andreasen	General Session ballroom Horizons 7-9
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch		Lakeview Restaurant
1:00 PM - 1:15 PM	(T) Breakout takeaways	Andrew Neal	General Session ballroom Horizons 3-5
1:15 PM - 1:45 PM	(T) 50.69 use in design changes	Carrie Gilbreath	
1:45 PM - 2:15 PM	(T) SDP What does good look like	Ashley Taylor	
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	Break		
2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	(B) SDP What does good look like	Jason Brown/ Andrew Neal	General Session ballroom Horizons 3-5
	(B) New Build lesson learned	Michael Arcand	Rock Lake



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Thursday July 23, 2026

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7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Breakfast		Horizons 1-2 and 10-11
8:00 AM - 8:15 AM	(T) Breakout takeaways	Andrew Neal	General Session ballroom Horizons 3-5
8:15 AM - 10:00 AM	(B) Critical drawing updates	Roger Andreasen	Sandy Lake
	(B) Managing Design Risk	Andrew Neal	Rock Lake
	(B) Stakeholder Engagement	Jason Brown/Mike Arcand	General Session ballroom Horizons 3-5
10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Break		
10:30 AM - 10:45 AM	(T) Breakout takeaways	Andrew Neal	General Session ballroom Horizons 3-5
10:45 AM - 11:00 AM	(T) 2027 host	TBD	
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	(T) Burning questions - Panel benchmarking	Panel Participants	



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2026 CMBG conference agenda summary:

Topics/Presentations:

- **WANO/INPO perspective** - presentation from an INPO representative on the overall state of engineering and configuration management across the nuclear industry and describe INPO's CM-related activities and current focus areas.
- **International Topic** – presentation on the processes and challenges that are faced, in the configuration management area, by one of international participants.
- **AI in CM** – presentation on the use of AI in configuration management. This will be an industry presentation on how a utility is using AI to aid in development of engineering changes.
- **Standard Design Process** – The Standard Design Process has been used for several years now. This session will provide information to ensure attendees understand the intent and layout of the SDP procedure (IP-ENG-001).
- **SDP what does good look like** – Presentation by a utility to show what they consider is a good practice for the level of content in an engineering change. This will be a lead in to the breakout session to develop a document that CMBG can endorse on what good looks like for an engineering change.
- **Software configuration management OE** - Industry OE form Southern Nuclear company on control of configuration files in a Nuclear plant
- **Configuration Management Burning questions** – This is a round table discussion on items that were discussed during the conference. This is an opportunity for all attendees to ask additional questions on topics discussed during the conference. It is also used to give attendees an opportunity to ask a question on something that may not have been discussed but is important for their utility to get an understanding of how the industry handles a certain topic.
- **Joint session topics with NUOG:**
 - **50.69 in support of obsolescence** – presentation on the implementation and benefits of the 50.69 program at a nuclear facility to support obsolescence issues.
 - **AI-driven obsolescence solutions** – Presentations on the use of AI in the industry
 - **Bill of Materials (BOMs) Quality and Traceability** – A presentation on the use of BOMs in design and documentation to support traceability.



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NUOG Vendor Exhibit Welcome Reception - NUOG has invited all CMBG participants join them for an opportunity to network with industry peers and connect with vendors during the NUOG and CMBG Conference. We will have an open bar and hors d'oeuvres available to enjoy as well sponsored by Framatome and Element.

Breakouts:

- **Industry Panel discussion** - This interactive session will focus on industry issues that conference attendees wish to address. Questions will be collected during both the registration process and the conference session, with a goal of allowing attendees to bring up areas in which the utility is struggling, and gain OE from the industry in real time.
- **CM 101** - The objective of this session is to engage new conference attendees in the Configuration Management (CM) process as presented at the conference and provide them with a capsule summary of the process. CM 101 should provide an understanding of how the different plant organizations contribute to and support configuration control of design, processes, and equipment. There will be a discussion of the industry three-ball process model for CM equilibrium, examples of how the equilibrium can be upset, and recommended processes for restoring the equilibrium.
- **International benchmarking** - This is an opportunity to discuss and benchmark best practices regarding challenges and solutions unique to plants outside the United States.
- **SDP breakout** – discussion on what utilities have created to support the use of the SDP. Also, to provide a forum on how we can improve sharing across utilities of SDP engineering changes.
- **What does good look like in a design change** – a working session to develop a “what good looks like” document that can be used throughout the industry as guidance on what a responsible engineer should consider when developing an engineering change. The intent of this session is to start the process for developing a
- **New Build lessons learned** – opportunity for new build attendees to benchmark best practices in the industry for new build opportunities.
- **Critical Drawing updates** – industry benchmarking opportunity on methods and success with updating critical drawings in a timely manner.
- **How to manage risk of a design project** – benchmarking on the industries process for assessing and mitigating risk of design or a engineering change project.



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- **Stakeholder engagement benchmarking** – provides an opportunity for utilities to benchmark the methods used to ensure stakeholder engagement and possibilities for increasing the quality of impact review meetings and stakeholder comments.

- **Breakout topics for CMBG/NUOG joint session:**
 - **50.69 in support of obsolescence** – breakout for questions concerning the implementation and use of 50.69.
 - **AI-driven obsolescence solutions** – discussion and benchmarking of utilities that are currently using AI in IEs. This is also a session to brainstorm ideas on how we can possibly shape AI to support the use of AI.
 - **Bill of Materials (BOMs) Quality and Traceability** – provide a forum for the industry to benchmark the use of IEs and how can design organizations work more closely together on the development and support of IEs.