

Deficiencies noted on the assessment are rated as follows:

Significant: A problem categorized as significant requires immediate attention. It poses, or has a high likelihood to pose, a direct and immediate threat to human health, safety, the environment, or the facilities' mission. A storage tank found leaking to the environment during the assessment, for example, would likely be a significant deficiency.

Major: A major deficiency requires action, but not necessarily immediate action. Major deficiencies may pose a threat to human health, safety, or the environment. Any immediate threat, however, must be categorized as significant.

Minor: Minor deficiencies are usually administrative in nature, even though those findings might possibly result in a notice of violation. This category may also include temporary or occasional instances of noncompliance.

Management Practice: Management practice items are organizational recommendations, not regulatory requirements. MPs may be judged as positive or negative, however, they cannot be considered deficiencies.