



#### Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Nuclear Energy Agency(NEA)

## Continuous shared learning and improvement of nuclear safety and regulatory organisations through the OECD/NEA

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- OECD/Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA)
  - Mission
  - Members
- Enhancing Nuclear Safety and Regulation after Fukushima
- Continuous improvement of nuclear safety and nuclear regulatory organisations through the NEA

## **EAOverview of the OECD and NEA**



- The OECD an international organisation that helps governments tackle the economic, social and governance challenges of a globalised economy.
- The OECD mission is to provide a forum in which governments can work together to share experiences and seek solutions to common problems.
- The NEA, a specialised organisation within the OECD, assists its member countries in maintaining and further developing, through international co-operation, the scientific, technological and legal bases required for a safe, environmentally friendly and economical use of nuclear energy for peaceful purposes.

## **V**<sub>NEA</sub> Overview of the NEA and MDEP



## **NEA Membership**

#### **30 NEA Member Countries**

- Australia
- Austria
- Belgium
- Canada
- Czech Republic
- Denmark
- Finland
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- India
- Ireland
- Italy

Yellow = Relationship but not a full NEA members yet

- Japan
- Korea
- Luxembourg
- Mexico
- Netherlands
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal
- Russian Federation
- Slovak Republic
- Slovenia
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Turkey
- United Kingdom
- United States

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#### **MDEP – 10 countries**

- Canada
- China
- Finland
- France
- Japan
- Korea (Republic of)
- Russian Federation
- South Africa
- United Kingdom
- United States



# **NEA Strengths**



- The NEA is the intergovernmental nuclear energy organisation which brings together developed countries of North America, Europe and the Asia-Pacific region in a small, non-political forum with a relatively narrow, technical focus.
- NEA membership represents much of the world's best nuclear expertise (representing 85% of nuclear electricity generation).
- 61 NEA employees supports:
  - 7 permanent Committees: flexibility to respond
  - 35 expert subgroups: focused technical areas
  - 18 independent joint research projects: leverage resources
  - 3,500 national experts participating in Committees and subgroups: work by the country experts for the needs of the members



# **NEA Strengths**



- By pooling this expertise, the NEA provides each member access to the substantial experience of others and an opportunity to substantially leverage its resources.
- Homogeneity of NEA membership makes possible a likeminded approach to problems, a climate of mutual trust and collaboration, the full exchange of experience and a frank assessment of issues.
- The NEA is relatively unaffected by political and bureaucratic constraints, and is able to focus effectively on the specific needs of its members.
- NEA scientific and technical work is in the forefront of knowledge and is known for its depth.
- The NEA publishes consensus positions on key issues, providing member countries with credible references.



#### **NEA Forum on Fukushima Dai-ichi**

- 7 June Ministerial Seminar on Nuclear Safety
- 8 June Regulatory Forum on Fukushima Dai-ichi accident
- First meeting of top regulators from around the world focused on Fukushima and the collective path forward.
- Presented as feedback at the opening of the IAEA Ministerial meeting in June 2011
- Key elements for nuclear safety:
  - The primary responsibility for nuclear safety is with the operator. The regulator must provide assurance that NPS are operated in a safe manner and in accordance with regulation.
  - Utilise existing international networks to enhance nuclear safety and regulation worldwide.
  - International commitment to co-operative improvement.

"An nuclear accident anywhere is an nuclear accident everywhere"

#### **Co-operative Continuous Improvement**



- Committee on Nuclear Regulatory Activities is group of senior representatives from regulatory bodies. It guides the NEA programme concerning the regulation, licensing and inspection of nuclear installations with regard to safety.
- Continuously Striving to Improve Regulatory Oversight
  - Inspection Practices: Operator competency
  - Operating Experience: Applying lessons learned internationally
  - Public Communication: Crisis communication
  - New Reactor Regulation: Siting and licensing requirements
- Improving the Regulatory Organisation
  - Nuclear Regulatory Decision Making; The Regulatory Goal of Assuring Nuclear Safety; Improving Nuclear Regulatory Effectiveness
- CNRA Senior Level Task Group on the Impacts of the Fukushima Accident
  - Timely exchange of national safety reviews/ stress tests
  - Identification of international activities

#### **NEA Co-operative Continuous Improvement**



- Committee on the Safety of Nuclear Installations is a group of senior scientists and technical experts to support regulation and state-of-the-art knowledge
  - Risk assessment, fuel, accident analysis, human and organisation performance, aging of equipment and structures
- Committee of Radiation Protection and Public Health:
  - Emergency preparedness, radiological exposures, stakeholder involvement
- CRPPH Expert group on Radiological Protection Aspects of the Fukushima accident
  - Coordinate activities and identify in lessons learned and support member countries



#### Japanese Advisory Committee Reform Recommendations

- Separation of regulation and promotion function
- Unification
- Crisis management
- Human resource
  development
- New safety regulation
- Transparency
- International aspects

#### NEA Forum on Fukushima

#### Key Improvement Areas

- High standards and continuous improvement for nuclear safety
- Accident Management
- Stakeholder involvement, Crisis communication
- Safety culture
- Transparency
- Implementing lessons learned
- International cooperation

### **Regulatory Organisation Characteristics**



- **Safety Focused**: Main mission is safety
- **Independent:** Authority to make decisions on nuclear safety independent of political and industrial influence.
- Accountable: Ensure that licensees operate nuclear installations in a safe manner and in accordance to their national regulations.
- **Competent:** Attract, maintain, train personnel who are technically and regulatory knowledgeable.
- **Co-operative:** Work collaboratively within the organisation, with their stakeholders, and other regulatory authorities to develop shared understanding of nuclear safety and technical issues.
- **Transparent:** Conduct regulatory oversight of nuclear installations in an open and transparent manner.
- **Predictable:** Credibility is built on trust, integrity and openness.





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