



**Joint IAEA–OECD/NEA
International Reporting System
for Operating Experience**

**Technical Meeting of the
International Reporting System for Operating
Experience National Coordinators — Recent Events in
Nuclear Power Plants**

**to be held virtually via Cisco Webex
6–8 October 2020**

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Information Sheet

Introduction

The International Reporting System for Operating Experience (IRS), operated jointly by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the Nuclear Energy Agency of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD/NEA), compiles and analyses information on nuclear power plant (NPP) events and promotes a systematic approach to the feedback of lessons learned from operating experience.

Technical Meetings are conducted annually within the framework of the IAEA and OECD/NEA programmes. In recent years, Technical Meetings to exchange information on recent events of safety significance at NPPs have been held in conjunction with the annual meetings of the IRS Technical Committee.

The event was scheduled to take place at the IAEA Headquarters in Vienna, Austria, from 05 to 09 October 2020. It will now be held virtually and via Webex from 06 to 08 October 2020 owing to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Objectives

Recognizing the importance of sharing experience pertaining to operational events at NPPs, the IAEA and the OECD/NEA organize co-sponsored, within the framework of IRS activities, international joint meetings dedicated to the exchange of information on recent safety significant events at NPPs.

Country representatives will provide presentations on recent events at NPPs. The event will be conducted in an interactive manner through discussions on the presentations.

Target Audience

The Technical Meeting of the International Reporting System for Operating Experience National Coordinators (06-07 October 2020) is intended for IRS National Coordinators, representatives of the organizations responsible for nuclear installations at any stage of development, regulatory bodies and technical support organizations registered as IRS users.

The Meeting of the Technical Committee of the IRS National Coordinators (TCIRSNC) will start at 12:00 Vienna time on 08th October 2020 and last until 14:00 o'clock Vienna time This meeting is restricted to IRS National Coordinators and their alternates. The participants will analyse the activities performed within the framework of the IRS.

Working Language(s)

English.

Programme

From Tuesday, 06th to Wednesday 07th of October 2020 — **Technical Meeting of the International Reporting System for Operating Experience National Coordinators — Recent Events in Nuclear Power Plants:**

1. Presentation and discussion of recent safety significant events at NPPs; and
2. Identification of most significant safety issues and lessons learned reported during the TM.

Thursday 12:00 – 14:00 on 08th of October 2020 — **Meeting of the Technical Committee of IRS National Coordinators:**

1. Discussion on major findings identified during TM;
2. IAEA activities in 2020; and
3. OECD/NEA activities in 2020.

Participation and Registration

All persons wishing to participate in the event have to be designated according to the OECD/NEA or IAEA official procedures. Designations should be transmitted through the national delegates to the Committee on Nuclear Regulatory Activities (CNRA) for experts from OECD/NEA member countries and/or through the governments of IAEA Member States.

In order to be designated by an IAEA Member State, participants are requested to send the **Participation Form (Form A)** to their competent national authority (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) for onward transmission to the IAEA by **25 September 2020**.

Selected participants will be informed in due course on the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Please note that the IAEA is in a transition phase to manage the entire registration process for all regular programme events electronically through the new InTouch+ (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) facility, which is the improved and expanded successor to the InTouch platform that has been used in recent years for the IAEA's technical cooperation events. Through InTouch+, prospective participants will be able to apply for events and submit all required documents online. National authorities will be able to use InTouch+ to review and approve these applications. Interested parties that would like to use this new facility should write to: InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

Papers and Presentations

Participants are invited to propose recent safety significant events which have occurred in their respective countries to be presented during the first part of the event. This includes also any safety issues identified at the NPPs as a consequence of the Covid-19 virus spread. The most significant safety issues and lessons learned identified in the TM presentations will be discussed during Technical Committee and Working Group meetings. Any safety significant events presented are required to be entered into the web-based IRS database.

The presentations should include a brief description of the events and their cause(s). The focus of the presentations should be on addressing the corrective actions taken (or planned), as well as their importance for safety in terms of consequences (actual or potential) and lessons learned. Related risk evaluations are welcome, if available.

To facilitate preparation of the event, and to ensure an effective exchange of information, it is essential that any proposed presentation be sent in advance to the OECD/NEA, with a copy to the IAEA. The deadline for sending presentations is **25 September 2020**. Participants are invited to send their presentations in electronic form only, preferably in Microsoft PowerPoint format.

Presentations will be distributed only to participants. It is up to the competent authorities in the participating countries to decide upon any further dissemination within their respective countries bearing in mind that these documents are to be used for official purposes only.

The Scientific Secretaries are happy to help in determining the correct length and style of participants' presentations in order to optimize the timetable of the event.

Contacts

Official correspondence with regard to the event and, in particular, the Participation Form (Form A) should be addressed to Mr Christopher Fong of the OECD/NEA's Division of Nuclear Safety Technology and Regulation, the Scientific Secretary of the event Mr Kari Maekelae of the IAEA's Division of Nuclear Installation Safety, and the Administrative Secretary Ms Yuliya Palka.

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