

# Joint IAEA–NEA International Reporting System for Operating Experience (IRS)

# Technical Meeting for National Coordinators of the International Reporting System for Operating Experience on Recent Events at Nuclear Power Plants

Hosted by the

**Government of France** 

through the

OECD Nuclear Energy Agency

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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.

The meeting is conducted annually within the framework of the relevant 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 meeting of the IRS Technical Committee followed by the meeting of Expert Group on Operating Experience.

The meetings will take place at the NEA Headquarters, 46 quai Alphonse Le Gallo, 92100 Boulogne-Billancourt, France, from 29 September to 3 October 2025. The Technical Meeting will commence at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, 29 September 2025, and will conclude at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, 2 October. Following its closure, the Technical Committee Meeting will take place and is expected to conclude at 5:00 p.m. on the same day. On Friday, 3 October 2025, there will be a meeting of the Expert Group on Operating Experience, which is planned to finish at 5:00 p.m.

## **Objectives**

The objective of the meeting is to exchange and discuss information on recent events that have occurred at NPPs and to share experience pertaining to operational events at NPPs.

## **Target Audience**

The meeting is intended for IRS National Coordinators, representatives of the organizations that are responsible for nuclear installations at any stage of development, regulatory bodies and technical support organizations. The IRS Technical Committee, as a part of the meeting, is restricted to IRS National Coordinators and their alternates.

# **Working Language(s)**

The working language for the presentations during the meeting will be English. No simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

### **Structure**

From Monday, 29 September 2025, to Thursday, 2 October 2025 —**Technical Meeting to Exchange Experience on Recent Events in Nuclear Power Plants**:

- 1. Presentation and discussion of recent safety-significant events at NPPs;
- 2. Plenary discussion on safety issues identified in presentations made at the meeting.

Thursday afternoon, 2 October 2025 — Meeting of the Technical Committee of the IRS National Coordinators:

- 1. Issues raised at the last meeting of the IRS Advisory Committee;
- 2. IAEA activities in 2026;
- 3. OECD/NEA activities in 2026.

Friday, 3 October 2025 — **Expert Group on Operating Experience**: Agenda will be provided by the OECD/NEA

The final agenda of the meeting will be sent to designated participants at a later date.

### **Papers and Presentations**

Meeting participants are expected to provide presentations on the recent events in NPPs which have occurred in their respective countries to be presented during the first part of the meeting. Events presented at the meeting are required to be entered into the web-based IRS database.

The presentations should include a brief description of the events or the significant issue 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. Risk insights are welcome, if known.

To facilitate preparation of the meeting, 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 **15 September 2025**. Participants are invited to send their presentations in electronic form only, preferably in Microsoft PowerPoint format.

Presentations will be distributed only to the meeting 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 Meeting Secretariats will assist in determining the correct length and style of participants' presentations in order to optimize the timetable of the meeting.

# **Participation and Registration**

All persons wishing to participate in the event have to be designated according to the OECD/NEA or IAEA official procedures. Nominations 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 or invited organization, participants are requested to submit their application via the InTouch+ platform (<a href="https://intouchplus.iaea.org">https://intouchplus.iaea.org</a>) to the competent national authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) or organization for onward transmission to the IAEA by 15 August 2025, following the registration procedure in InTouch+:

- 1. Access the InTouch+ platform (<a href="https://intouchplus.iaea.org">https://intouchplus.iaea.org</a>):
  - Persons with an existing NUCLEUS account can sign in to the platform with their username and password;
  - Persons without an existing NUCLEUS account can register <a href="here.">here.</a>
- 1. Once signed in, prospective participants can use the InTouch+ platform to:
  - Complete or update their personal details under 'Complete Profile' and upload the relevant supporting documents;
  - Search for the relevant event under the 'My Eligible Events' tab;
  - Select the Member State or invited organization they want to represent from the drop-down menu entitled 'Designating Authority' (if an invited organization is not listed, please contact InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org);
  - If applicable, indicate whether a paper is being submitted and complete the relevant information;
  - If applicable, indicate whether financial support is requested and complete the relevant information (this is not applicable to participants from invited organizations);
  - Based on the data input, the InTouch+ platform will automatically generate the Participation Form (Form A) and/or the Grant Application Form (Form C);
  - Submit their application.

Once submitted through the InTouch+ platform, the application, together with the auto-generated form(s), will be transmitted automatically to the required authority for approval. If approved, the application, together with the applicable form(s), will automatically be sent to the IAEA through the online platform.

NOTE: The application for financial support should be made, together with the submission of the application, by 15 August 2025.

For additional information on how to apply for an event, please refer to the <u>InTouch+ Help</u> page. Any other issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be sent to <u>InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org</u>.

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

Participants are hereby informed that the personal data they submit will be processed in line with the Agency's Personal Data and Privacy Policy and is collected solely for the purpose(s) of reviewing and assessing the application and to complete logistical arrangements where required. The IAEA may also use the contact details of Applicants to inform them of the IAEA's scientific and technical publications, or the latest employment opportunities and current open vacancies at the IAEA. These secondary purposes are consistent with the IAEA's mandate. Further information can be found in the Data Processing Notice concerning IAEA InTouch+ platform.

# **Expenditures and Grants**

No registration fee is charged to participants.

The IAEA is generally not in a position to bear the travel and other costs of participants in the event. The IAEA has, however, limited funds at its disposal to help meet the cost of attendance of certain participants. Upon specific request, such assistance may be offered to normally one participant per country, provided that, in the IAEA's view, the participant will make an important contribution to the event.

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### Visas

Participants who require a visa to enter France should submit the necessary application as soon as possible to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of France.

### **Additional Information**

Reservations at hotels are to be made directly by the participants.

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Subsequent correspondence on scientific matters should be sent to the Scientific Secretary/Secretaries and correspondence on other matters related to the event to the Administrative Secretary.