



Transparency of “Peer Review of National Action Plans”

Working Paper

Background

One of the key objectives of ENSREG is to improve the overall transparency on issues relating to the safety of nuclear installations and effective radioactive waste management. To this end, ENSREG has adopted general guidance for the nuclear regulatory authorities on principles for ensuring openness and transparency in their communications activities (HLG_p(2011-14)_57).

In light of the public interest in the Fukushima event, ENSREG considered that it was important that the transparency aspects of the implementation, reporting and follow-up of the EU Stress Tests were addressed. Consequently, ENSREG has adopted a “Working Paper - Transparency of Stress Tests” (HLG_p(2011-16)_80).

The ENSREG Action Plan, finally approved on 1 August 2012, should promote the role of Europe in enhancing standards for world-wide nuclear safety through continuous improvement, showing a clear commitment to openness and transparency. It stipulates that the principles for openness and transparency, as stated in the declaration of ENSREG and the European Commission on 13 May 2011, have already been applied to the EU Stress Tests and Peer Review and shall also apply to the ENSREG Action Plan. Furthermore, it stipulates that the results of the regulatory workshop to discuss contents and status of implementation of the National Action Plans will be made public and will be discussed in the subsequent ENSREG conference.

It should be recalled that the safety track of the EU Stress Tests and Peer Review has focussed on three topics which have been directly derived from the preliminary lessons learned from the Fukushima disaster and confirmed by the IAEA missions following the accident and reports from the Japanese Government. The National Action Plans were to be structured according to the six topics of the 2nd Extraordinary Meeting of the CNS, but the scope of the Peer Review workshop should be limited to the topics 1-3 of the Extraordinary CNS, which are the same as the three topics of the EU Stress Tests. (External Hazards, Loss of Safety functions/Design Issues, Management of Severe Accidents).

Actions

- The general public should be informed via the ENSREG Website (e.g. Quarterly Updates and revision of relevant subpages).
- Stakeholders will have the opportunity to put questions regarding the Peer Review of National Action Plans from 25 February to 15 March 2013 via the ENSREG website.
- A Press Statement of the Workshop President will be issued soon after the Peer Review Workshop.
- The Peer Review Workshop Report will be published after adoption by ENSREG (approximately May 2013).
- The composition of the Peer Review Workshop (President, Vice-presidents, Rapporteurs and Reviewers) will be published as an Annex to the Peer Review Workshop Report.
- The Workshop Peer Review Report will be presented by the Workshop President at the ENSREG Conference on 11/12 June 2013.