

Second Topical Peer Review (TPR)

Second topical peer review (2022-2024) on fire protection at nuclear installations

Why was fire protection chosen as a topic for peer review?

- Fire is a significant risk for nuclear installations.
- There is considerable experience on fire-related events.
- There is scope for reasonably practical improvements.
- It is a technologically neutral field.
- It was not covered by the previous evaluations or benchmarks initiated after the Fukushima accident.

'The topic was chosen as fire is identified as a significant risk for nuclear installations.'

Sylvie Cadet-Mercier, Chair of 2nd TPR

Scope of the 2nd TPR

The scope includes, in principle, nuclear installations that fall under the revised Nuclear Safety Directive (i.e. nuclear power plants, enrichment plants, research reactor facilities, spent fuel storage facilities and storage facilities for radioactive waste that are on the same site and directly related to the nuclear installations). It covers all stages in the lifecycle (facilities under construction, in operation and under decommissioning). A graded approach will be taken to focus the available means and resources on the relevant installations.

Expected outcomes of the 2nd TPR

Member States carry out a national self-assessment and then arrange for competent regulatory authorities of other Member States to peer review them. The objective of the peer review process is to identify reasonably practical improvements for each country and follow up on them, and to support the future work of ENSREG.

National action plans stemming from this process help strengthen nuclear safety

Transparency and stakeholder involvement in the 2nd TPR

Transparency and public participation will be ensured throughout the TPR process, including during the peer review. All relevant documents and reports will be published on www.ensreg.eu and there will be opportunities for public consultation. If you would like to participate, please contact your national regulator or consult the ENSREG website.

Stakeholder engagement kick-off meeting held online on 22 June 2021

Information on the TPR objectives and an opportunity for stakeholders to discuss fire protection at nuclear installations



2020

Set up TPR Board to supervise the peer review process

2021/2022

Technical specifications

Terms of reference

Stakeholder involvement plan



2022/2023

National self-assessment
National assessment reports



2024

EU-wide peer review of national reports Desktop peer review, peer review workshop, reports of findings



2025

Peer review follow-up National action plans ENSREG action plan