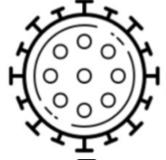


Nuclear Power & Engineering Webinars:

COVID-19 and the Nuclear Supply Chain – What have we learned?



September 9, 2021 14:45 to ~16:00 CEST





I am your Moderator:

Dr. Pekka T. Pyy Senior Expert (Organisation and Management Systems) IAEA Nuclear Energy, Division of Nuclear Power



### By attending this webinar, you will:

- Recognize the importance of the nuclear supply chain and how it has impacted by the COVID19 pandemic during the past 18 months,
- Learn about key challenges and how they have been and are being managed, and
- Obtain lessons learned and good practices from the speakers' examples related supply chain influence on to, e.g. nuclear power plant operations, outages and nuclear projects during the pandemic



The operation, safety and security of nuclear and radiation facilities and activities during the COVID-19 Pandemic, Report by the Director General, GOV/INF/2020/8, 4 June 2020



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### Lessons-Learned during COVID-19

Marc H. Tannenbaum Senior Technical Executive

IAEA Webinar September 9, 2021







### **Current COVID-19 Status**

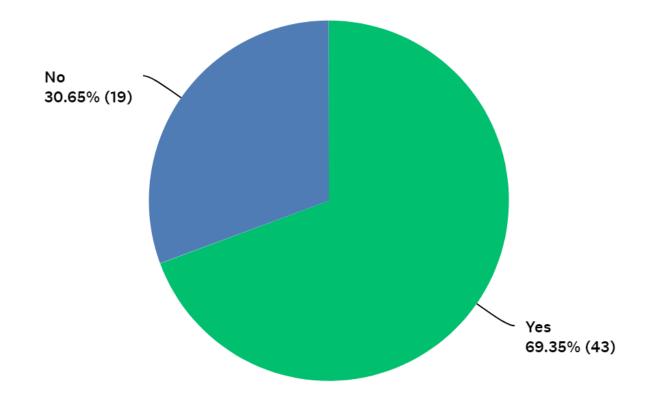
Delta variant has resulted in North American utilities reinstating mask wearing indoors at their facilities regardless of vaccination status (may not be required when alone in offices)

# Some are considering reinstating testing requirements

Some have returned to the office, some have not, some are planning for permanent hybrid work arrangements All appear to have stable sources of supply for personal protective equipment (PPE), test kits, and other pandemic-related items



Have you made any changes due to the pandemic that are beneficial and will be kept after the pandemic is over?





### **Enhanced Remote Work and Communication**

#### Remote Work

- Permanent hybrid arrangements two or three two days per week in the office, balance remote
- Increased productivity noted for many staff roles
- Saves time and is more efficient
- Significantly improved Procurement Engineering work production/backlog reduction
- Increased flexibility from a personal perspective

#### **Remote communication**

- Daily touch points between procurement engineers has enhanced teamwork
- Communication is more effective
- Improved digital communication tools
- Improved strategic priorities
- Some meetings are more practical to have online with the collaboration/ screen-share functions built into the programs
- Improved use applications such as Teams to share documents and drawings
- Increased options for online training and attending conferences virtually when not practical to attend in person
- Time saved by corporate management by not travelling to all plants in the fleet



### Other beneficial changes



Increased agility in the way work gets done



Increased use of paperless processes



Digital stamping of documents is saving time



Digitization of radiography



Improved IT security, software and procedures

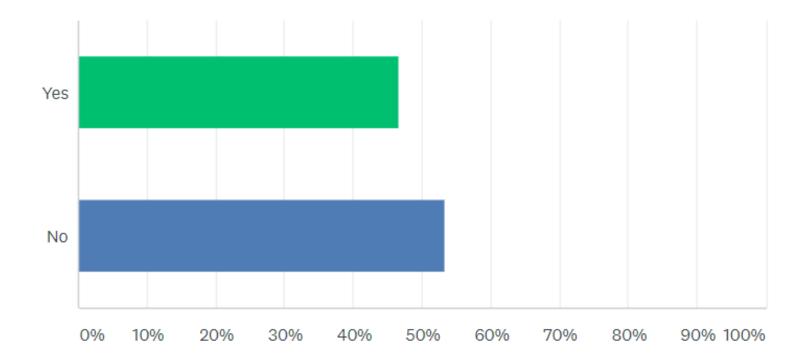


Split our test lab to avoid one case of COVID taking out our entire testing capabilities

Able to quickly implement CDC guidelines as they emerge



# Are you having issues qualifying suppliers due to the pandemic?





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### **Remote Supplier Source Verification and Assessment is possible**

#### Remote <u>Source Verification</u> during a Pandemic or Similar State of Emergency, Screening Criteria and Process Guidance

### <u>EPRI 3002019436-A</u>

Published April 4, 2020 "-A" version published October 2020

(includes NRC safety evaluation report)

- Screening criteria to determine eligibility for remote source verification
- Process for establishing objectives, primary plan, and contingency plans
- Discussion on use of

#### Remote <u>Assessment</u>

Techniques: Planning and Conducting Audits and Surveys Using Remote Techniques During Exigent Conditions

### EPRI 3003030796

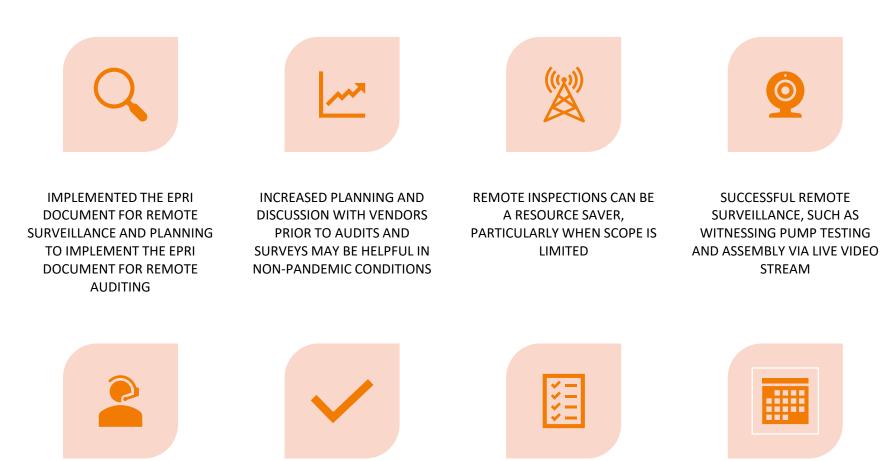
Published April 15, 2021 NRC issued a <u>Safety Evaluation</u> June 22 that accepts use of the EPRI guidance as a way of meeting regulatory requirements during a pandemic (NRC



- Fully Remote (all team members are remote – evaluation per guidance concludes on-site presence is not required)
- Provisional Remote (all team members are remote – evaluation per guidance concludes on-site presence is required)
- Hybrid ( > 1 team member on-site)



### Remote assessment and source verification



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INCREASED USE OF ONLINE REVIEW CAN ENHANCE EFFICIENCY OF SUPPLIER ASSESSMENTS USE OF REMOTE TECHNIQUES FOR INTERNAL AUDITS AS WELL AS EXTERNAL ASSESSMENTS ACTIVE PRIORITIZATION AND RESCHEDULING OF SUPPLIER AUDITS TO BENEFIT MOST WHEN TRAVEL IS POSSIBLE



### Tips and Tricks for remote work

Over-communication is important – make use of video and teleconferencing tools

Hold daily staff alignment meetings. Supervisor to worker and supervisor to leadership meetings help ensure challenges and priorities are understood for the day

Establish a separate work location when working at home and mirror the equipment provided at the company office such as dual monitors

Develop personal start/stop times and consistent workday hours and patterns. Know when to "turn work off"

Take breaks every 2 hours

Check communications (email) often, but maximize productive time by limiting the amount of time spent responding to phone calls / emails

Stay logged in to instant messenger service all day and use end-of-day check-ins to help stay in touch

Plan the work and prepare documents and communicate from your remote (home) office – focus on submitting work for approvals when in the company office

Take advantage of Acrobat Pro's (or similar software's) digital signature feature



### Together...Shaping the Future of Energy $^{\text{TM}}$



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# Lessons learned from COVID-19 pandemic – CASE TVO

IAEA webinar on Covid-19 and the nuclear supply chain 2021-09-09

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### MAIN MEASURES AGAINST COVID-19

- The TVO Group's strategy based on a several-tier contingency plan
- The TVO Group's strategy aims to guarantee nuclear safety and the safety and health of people
- The measures updated and specified based on the epidemiological situation and the official guidelines of the Finnish Government

### CURRENT COVID-19 STATUS

- Delta variant has resulted in Finnish utilities reinstating mask wearing indoors at their facilities regardless of vaccination status
- Remote work / work at the site / hybrid work arrangements

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Lessons learned for future outages:

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-Remote work opportunities

-Increased use of paperless processes

-Better risk management

-Logistics

-Development of ELearning opportunities

**ANNUAL OUTAGES 2020** Successful outage with good energy

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### KEY FOR SUCCESS: COMMUNICATION AND COORDINATION

- COVID-19 Emergency Preparedness Organization
- Extensive internal and external cooperation
- COVID-19 hotline 24/7
- Clear, updated and simple instructions
- Several channels for sharing information
  - Intranet & external webpage
    - SMS service
    - On site screens





### NEW WAYS FOR WORKING

- Not only technological change but also change in leadership and management!
  - Directors and managers are visible for staff members (video updates)
  - Cooperation with occupational health care
  - Take time also for informal meetings and get-togethers (with special arrangements)

### LEADERSHIP IS NOT ONLY ABOUT WORK

- How ready nuclear industry is for the new leadership expectations?
- What are the long term impacts of COVID-19?

### Thank you!



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## **COVID-19 and the Nuclear Supply Chain – What have we learned?**

IAEA Nuclear Supply Chain Advanced Webinar #3 9 September, 2021

Leonid Letchford Head of Quality Management Department

### **Challenges and victories**



### **NEW LAUNCHES:**

- Launch of a power unit with VVER-1200 reactor at the Belorussian NPP
- In Russia, second unit of Leningrad NPP-2 also began operation with VVER-1200 reactor
- In 2020 the world's first floating nuclear thermal power plant "Akademik Lomonosov" in Chukotka region was put in operation
- An agreement was signed for construction of low-power nuclear plant in Yakutia.
- First Wind power plant of Rosatom was put in operation
- New nuclear-powered icebreaker "Arctica" took its maiden voyage





### **Against COVID-19**

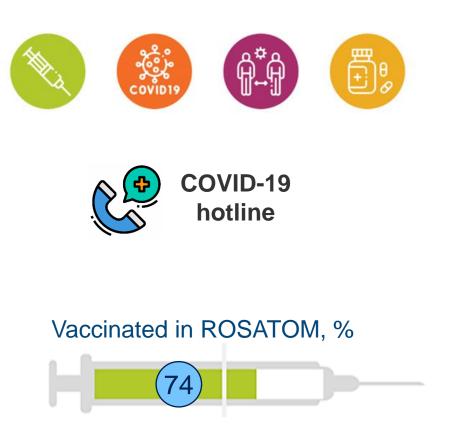


Coronavirus cases in ROSATOM:



~ 1,5k active cases





Rosatom researches in the midst of the fight against COVID-19 were used. Several tens of millions of medical masks have been sterilized using radiation technologies. Sarov nuclear center created the device "Tianox" for the treatment of patients with nitrogen monoxide obtained from the air. It allows to abandon the use of cylinders and significantly increase the availability of this method of treatment

### **Remote work**

#### Remote education







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#### Remote communication



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#### Remote assessment

#### Supplier audits

Incoming inspections

Conformity assessments

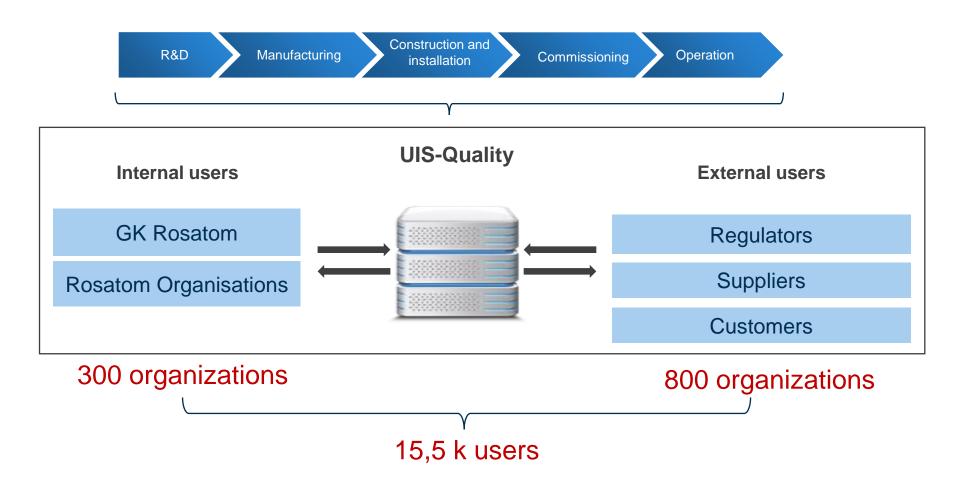
Surveillance

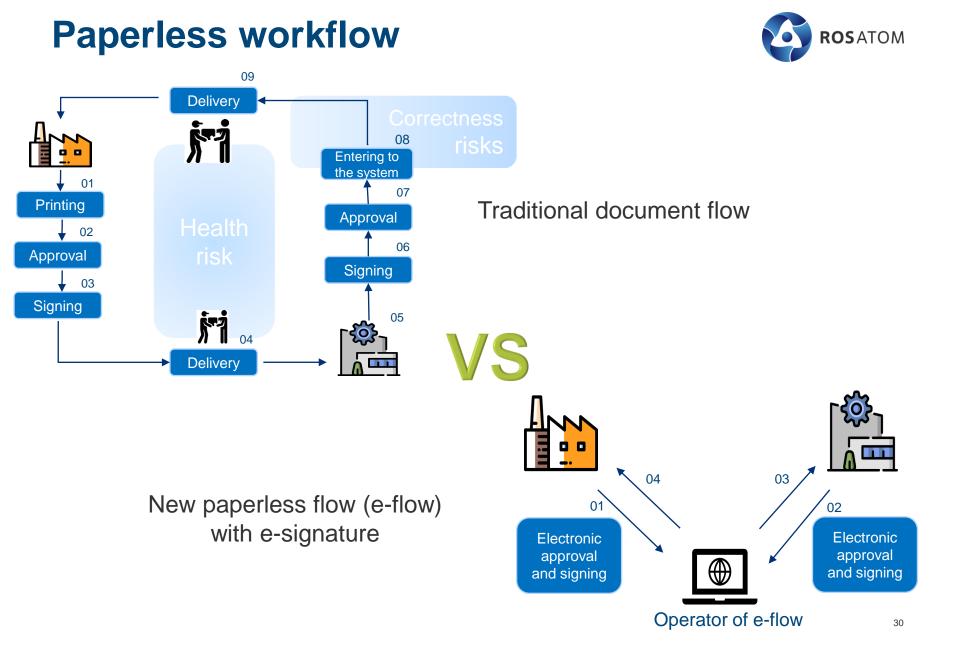
#### **UIS-Quality**



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### **Supplier audits**



### Launch

#### Procedure

Rules and regulations for remote assessment

#### Training

 Additional web training for auditors has been organized

#### Realization

• Pilot audits have been conducted

### **Procedure**

Self-assessment before the audit, by filling the checklist Analysis of the audit checklist and submitted documents

Video communication with the auditee

Audit Report



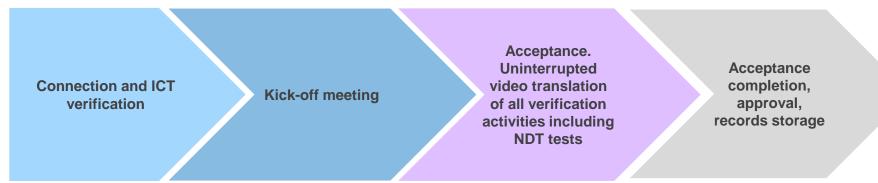




### **Remote product evaluation**



#### Pilot project at "Turbine Technolology" AAEM

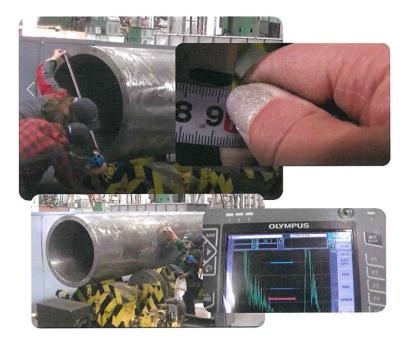


More than 20 events were held

Completion of key events on time for Tianwan NPP.

Money saved: > 5 000 000 €.





# Thank you for your attention

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In ONR he has established the Supply Chain professional discipline and led ONR's enhanced licensee and stakeholder engagements both nationally and internationally.

He is the Chairperson of the Multinational Design Evaluation Programme - Vendor Inspection Cooperation Working Group, an international cohort of supply chain regulation specialists whose main objectives are to cooperate on supply chain regulatory activities and share related experiences.





### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS SESSION**



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### **EXAMPLES ON IAEA COVID-**19 RELATED RESOURCES



COVID-19 WEBPAGE: https://www.iaea.org/topics/covid-19

**COVID-19 WEBINARS:** 

https://www.iaea.org/topics/health/infectious-diseases/covid-19/webinars

COVID-19 OPEX NETWORK:

https://www.iaea.org/resources/databases/covid-19-npp-opex

Report by the Director General, The operation, safety and security of nuclear and radiation facilities and activities during the COVID-19 Pandemic, GOV/INF/2020/8, 4 June 2020:

https://www.iaea.org/sites/default/files/20/06/govinf2020-8.pdf

Progress update II: gc65-inf7-8-9\_0.pdf (iaea.org)



## **IAEA NE Supply Chain Webinar Series**



## Nuclear Supply Chain Introductory Webinars

Nuclear Supply Chain \_\_\_\_\_

- Covid-19 and Its Impact on the Nuclear Power Supply Chain (9 July)
- Nuclear Supply Chain Management The Global View (3 December)
- Requirements to the Supplier Why are they important and where do they come from? (16 December)
- How to Find Good Suppliers and how to know if they are good for you (14 January)
- Supply Chain Management Strategy How to simplify the complex? (28 January)
- Supervising the Supply Process What do you need to do? (11 February)
- Non-Conformances What are they and how to manage them? (25 February)
- Delivery Process Final Stages What do you have to Remember? (18 March)

- Counterfeit, Fraudulent, and Suspect Items What do you need to know? (6 May 2021)
- Use of Commercial Grade Items When and how? (9 June in cooperation with NNF21)
- COVID-19 and the Nuclear Supply Chain What have learned? (9 September in cooperation with FORATOM)
- Obsolescence and inventory Are there good practices?
- Innovations (such as Advanced Manufacturing) Solution or threat?
- Remote and Hybrid Verification What have we learned?
- Graded Approach What are its secrets?
- Supply of service How is it specific?



# Thank you all for your participation!

Stay healthy!

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# **IAEA Nuclear Supply Chain and**



# **Covid-19 related activities**



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# The COVID-19 NPP OPEX Network



- Provides a limited access platform for peer-to-peer sharing of COVID-19 related mitigating measures and impact on nuclear power plant performance
- The areas include: operation, maintenance as well as the implementation of refuelling and maintenance outages.
- Intended users include plant operators and related organizations.
- Number of Entries to the COVID OPEX Network 26 from 9 Member
  States and 4 International Organizations
- Number of PRIS (<u>https://pris.iaea.org/PRIS/home.aspx</u>) data responses: 76 from 27 Member States
- Weekly (bi-weekly) reports restricted distribution

## **Summary of the Covid-19 experience**



- The Agency has received reports of impact on plant operation from fourteen Member States and examples of the impact included modifications to shift arrangements, training and access restrictions.
- Organizations implemented predetermined actions from already prepared pandemic plans designed to ensure safety, security and continuity of business, and adapted them as the pandemic progressed.
- No Member State reported the enforced shut down of any nuclear power reactors resulting from the effects of COVID-19 on their workforce or essential services such as supply chains.
- In some cases, economic slowdowns led to decreased energy demand leading to the operators to reduce power or even shutdown.
- Pandemic mitigation plans at some facilities result in a need for more authorized or licensed personnel. This need is being satisfied by newly trained as well as previously qualified staff, including recent retirees and instructors. However, this approach in itself is facing challenges in maintaining the required quality and quantity of training in the context of other restrictions limiting the ability to assemble employees.

## **Summary of the Covid-19 experience**



- The IAEA received reports of outage impacts at NPPs in 26 of the 30 Member States with operating NPPs. In some cases, outage scopes were reduced by eliminating non-critical work to minimise external staff brought on-site.
- In other cases, outages were extended to allow work to proceed at a slow pace that accommodated physical distancing constraints. In still other cases entire outages were deferred to next year. The full impact will play out over at least the next year as future outage plans are revised to complete deferred work.
- Some Member States reported that work management practices were adapted by reviewing maintenance and surveillance tests to identify which activities could be postponed without any impact on regulatory requirements, safety or reliability. This assessment involved reviewing required materials and spare parts to ensure critical item availability and evaluating upcoming outage plans to minimise access of contractors.
- Support staff adapted to remote working through maximised use of IT platforms and distance collaboration tools. Some facilities have decided to reduce, postpone or cancel work of contractors on the site during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **Summary of the Covid-19 experience**

- Only vital refurbishment projects were carried out sometimes with schedule changes. The pandemic's broad impact on the global economy and industrial activity will continue to challenge the global supply chain for months or years to come. That impact could threaten NPP performance over the interim- to long-term, for example, delaying long lead time items for new build or major refurbishment projects.
- Newbuild projects affected in many ways and cases, but the exact impact is difficult to evaluate - pandemic impacted resources being applied to construct new plants at least in Belarus, United Arab Emirates, Turkey and Bangladesh, but did not stop the construction activities. The impact on schedules continues to be assessed (and e.g. remote auditing and inspections piloted)
- Owners and operators have been nimble in adapting to the changing situations Ongoing and future challenges include the implementation of planned maintenance activities to ensure interim- to long-term reliability.
- Current mitigation actions minimise the site presence of external staff by deferring online and outage work that is not necessary to ensure safety. This work is being rescheduled, but uncertainties regarding how the pandemic might progress are posing a challenge for many Member States 3

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- Little or no impact through manufacturing bottlenecks reported this may however still happen as all the parts of the supply chain have been affected (demand, supply, sub-supply)
- Decisions made by governments and companies have direct and indirect repercussions to organizations in the nuclear and radiological field, for example in the area of human resources.
- Decisions in one country could have affected facilities in other countries, for example through introducing supply chain difficulties in large scale projects such as outage management, major refurbishment or new plant construction.
- Special skillsets workers' (like testing, inspection, installation and commissioning of special equipment, etc.) mobility has been assured in some cases by e.g. special governmental permissions and using private transport (like charter flights) – what will happen when certificates expire (extended on which conditions/remote audits/hybrid audits?)?
- How to use knowledge obtained during this pandemic to plan robust actions for the potential coming large disturbances? IT role? New ways to work together? Need cultural changes?

## Management of the nuclear supply chain



#### Management systems

Nuclear operators and managers depend on chains of suppliers of both products and services to be able to produce nuclear energy. These suppliers provide products and services in all phases of a reactor's life cycle: design, construction, commissioning, operation and decommissioning.

Effective and efficient oversight of the global nuclear supply chain is crucial in both nuclear new build and operating nuclear facilities.

The successful implementation of management of quality, as a part of a power plant's management system, including quality assurance and quality control, is essential in providing confidence in the nuclear industry. A high degree of reliability and integrity is required of products and services. Failure of structures, systems or components to perform their intended function, or resolve their poor performance, could adversely affect the economy as well as safety and confidence in nuclear energy.

The IAEA supports the development of proactive management systems of supply chains, well-planned procurement by the owners and operators, quality assurance/quality control systems and aims to facilitate co-operation in the nuclear industry in these areas.

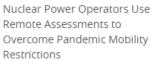
This includes supporting Member States and nuclear operating organizations in dealing with supply chain challenges. In recent years, both the construction and operation of nuclear power plants have experienced difficulties related to their supply chains. There have been project delays and even temporary shutdowns of reactors due to detection of counterfeit items, obsolescence of original technology and licensing to incorporate a greater amount of digital instrumentation and control technologies. At the same time, new technologies such as advanced manufacturing and remote inspection provide avenues for

### News



New Toolkit for Nuclear Supply Chain Management





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#### Access Management System Network

## **Related resources**

- Muclear Supply Chain Webinar Series
- % COVID-19
- % Energy
- Capacity building supporting longrange sustainable nuclear energy system planning
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Events

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- CG Acceptance Publication

2019 Pilot Course on Nuclear Supply Chain Management and Procurement - Course Materials

Evaluation of Management Systems

The Nuclear Supply Chain Toolkit

The Nuclear Regulations and Standards Toolkit (under construction)

Recent





The IAEA developed a dedicated Management System Network of Excellence (MSN) to facilitate and encourage enhanced cooperation and the exchange of knowledge and experience on management systems and safety culture in the nuclear industry and related disciplines throughout the world. The MSN is one of the networks of CONNECT. CONNECT is a web-based platform hosted by the IAEA on behalf of its Member States that will provide a gateway for interconnecting IAEA networks, increasing the participation of individuals

and organizations involved in them, and making available additional sources of information that complement existing training workshops and meetings.

Amongst the features provided by CONNECT the MSN will provide the following features related to management systems and safety culture:

- Overview of important meetings
- Discussion forums on both common and special topics
- · Expert search function; find the person who can help you with your problems
- Library of documents, presentations, videos, software tools, glossaries, and other resources
- E-Learning: nuclear education and training, on demand video, and archived presentations and seminars
- Resources, including calendar of meetings and events, training courses, webinars, and online meeting workspaces

For further information or questions please contact MSN.Contact-Point@iaea.org

#### For additional information, please visit:

IAEA NSNI Meetings and Workshops on the Topics of Management, Leadership and Culture for Safety

#### Human and Organizational Factors

These sites are an information hub where presentations and relevant information from held events in the area is made publicly available to be shared and spread among stakeholders.



# Let's Interact – POLL TIME !



What would you see as the best ways to improve the situation with supply chain management in case of a new pandemic or other type of large disturbance?

- Remote (hybrid) evaluations/audits/inspections
- Shortening the supply chain (more local suppliers of products and services including using own staff where possible)
- IT solutions (paperless processes, remote audit & oversight of the delivery process, use of blockchain, etc)
- Additive manufacturing (e.g. in 3D printing centres)
- Change in business processes (plan for disturbances)
- Cultural change in ways to work together (better leadership of remote teams etc.)
- No changes are necessary
- Something else (please, add your candidate in chat and the post Webinar questionnaire) Check all the alternatives that apply.

Please act now so we may all see the results in almost real time!

## Let's Interact – POLL TIME !



# What is your organization's experience with (nuclear) supply chain during the COVID-19 pandemic?

- We have experienced shortage or difficulty to get safety related products (e.g. components, protective equipment) needed
- We have experienced shortage or difficulty to get non-safety related products (e.g. components) needed
- We have experienced difficulty to get suppliers of services or technical support (incl. audit and inspection providers) to our site
- We have experienced increase in price of products or services
- We proactively ordered products or made other arrangements to avoid any shortages
- We proactively have taken responsibility to produce services with our own staff or taken other arrangements
- We had to shut down or reduce production due to the pandemic
- We really have not seen any difference during the pandemic

Check <u>all</u> the alternatives that apply.

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