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Small Modular Reactor (SMR) Regulators' Forum

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Regulatory Activities Section

Division of Nuclear Installation Safety

Department of Nuclear Safety and Security

Members

- Canada
- China
- Finland
- France
- Korea
- Russian Federation
- Saudi Arabia
- United Kingdom
- United States



Objectives

- Share regulatory experience amongst forum members preparing to license SMRs and stakeholders;
- Identify and discuss common safety issues to recommend, if possible, common approaches for resolution;
- Capture good practices and methods; and
- Propose changes, if necessary, to national requirements and regulatory practices.

Structure of the Forum

- Steering Committee
- Task-specific Working Groups
- Scientific Secretary

Pilot Project – 2015/2017

- Task-specific Working Groups
 - Graded Approach
 - Defence-in-Depth
 - Emergency Planning Zone Size

Graded Approach WG

Main Findings

- Graded approach can enhance regulatory efficiency without compromising safety;
- Starting point for SMRs should be requirements for Nuclear Power Plants (NPPs);
- Need to determine what is necessary to demonstrate “proven-ness”; and
- IAEA should lead development of technical guidance on graded approach for NPPs.

Defence-in-Depth WG

Main Findings

- Defence-in-depth (DiD) concept should be fundamental for design and safety demonstration of SMRs;
- SMRs raise questions regarding application of DiD in several areas; and
- Further guidance to help safety assessment of DiD applied to SMRs is needed.

Main Findings

- EPZ is required but may be scalable:
 - Novel features and technology
- IAEA safety requirements and methodology for EPZ size are applicable; and
- Same SMR design may result in different EPZ size in different countries:
 - Dose criteria;
 - Policy factors; and
 - Public acceptance.

Pilot Project Report

- Summarized accomplishments of the Forum:
 - Common positions
 - Working Group reports
 - Recommendations for future activities
- Published in January 2018

SMR Regulators' Forum
Pilot Project Report:
Considering the Application of a Graded Approach, Defence-in-Depth and
Emergency Planning Zone Size for Small Modular Reactors

January 2018



New Working Groups

- Licensing Issues:
 - Discuss the impacts of outsourcing of activities considering the modular design approach
 - Explore human factors impacts of SMR novel features
- Design and Safety Analysis:
 - Follow-up on recommendations from DiD WG and support IAEA work on Graded Approach
- Manufacturing, Commissioning and Operation:
 - Examine the implications that SMR characteristics present to manufacturing, construction, commissioning and operation

Want to learn more?

<https://www.iaea.org/topics/small-modular-reactors/smr-regulators-forum>



Small modular reactors

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[Small Modular Reactors](#) (SMRs) are advanced reactors that produce electricity of up to 300 MW(e) per module, which is less than current power generation reactors. Many SMRs can be made in factories and transported by truck or rail.

The establishment of regulatory controls for this relatively new type of reactor requires focused and consistent attention. The SMR Regulators' Forum, created in March 2015, provides support by enabling discussions among Member States and other stakeholders to share SMR regulatory knowledge and experience.

The Forum enhances nuclear safety by identifying and resolving common safety issues that may challenge regulatory reviews associated with SMRs and by facilitating robust and thorough regulatory decisions.

Related resources

- 📄 [SMR Regulator's Forum Terms of Reference](#)
- 🔒 [SMR Regulator's Forum \(Restricted Site\)](#)
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