

Title: Regional meeting on Self-Assessment against Specific Safety Guide No 16 “Establishing the Safety Infrastructure for a Nuclear Power Programme”

Location: Vienna, Austria

Dates of Mission: 27-29 November 2012

Objective:

To familiarize participants with SSG-16 “Establishing the Safety Infrastructure for a Nuclear Power Programme” and to develop an understanding and knowledge on the Methodology for Self-Assessment against SSG-16 – IRIS (Integrated Review of Infrastructure for Safety), in order to enable participants to participate in a national self-assessment -with IAEA assistance, if needed.

Duties performed:

The Workshop consisted of a theoretical part and a practical one:

- During the theoretical part, SSG16, the methodology for self-assessment against SSG-16 “IRIS (Integrated Review of Infrastructure for Safety)” and on the Polish experience related to the self-assessment against SSG-16 were presented and discussed;
- During the practical part, 3 breakout sessions followed by plenary discussions were organised. Two working groups were formed and they were tasked to conduct exercises on the same fictitious country (Kingdom of Altair), in Phase 1. The exercises were related to the 3 main steps of the Self-Assessment: Answering, Analysis and Action planning steps.
- In addition, participants received a brief demonstration of the IRIS software.

Conclusions:

The participants recognized that the meeting was very well organised and thanked the Agency in this respect. The exercise was found very appropriate and participants enjoyed the interactions between them and the sharing of experience. The participants found that the WS allowed them to gain a better understanding of SSG-16 and the methodology.