

IRRS Good Practices

Inspection (Module 7)

Inspection of nuclear power plants

Switzerland – Initial Mission

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Good Practice

The safety culture focus groups are an effective tool for proactively engaging the senior management of NPP operators to promote self-awareness of their impact as leaders on the safety culture of their organizations.

Observation

Every three years the Swiss Federal Nuclear Safety Inspectorate's (ENSI) Human Factors Organization holds a dialogue on safety culture with the senior leadership teams and safety culture specialists of the NPP licensees. This focus group is a facilitated discussion of a topic related to safety culture, with the intention of promoting self-awareness among the senior leaders of their demonstrated attitudes towards safety culture and the resulting potential impacts to the members of the organizations they lead.

Bases

- (1) GSR Part 1 (Rev 1) Requirement 5 states that "*The government shall expressly assign the prime responsibility for safety to the person or organization responsible for a facility or activity, and shall confer on the regulatory body the authority to require such persons or organizations to comply with stipulated regulatory requirements, as well as to demonstrate such compliance.*"