UK Nuclear Industry

Safety Directors' Forum



TERMS OF REFERENCE - Regulatory Meeting

1. Vision

1.1 To promote and maintain a safe, secure, sustainable UK Nuclear Industry.

2. Mission

- 2.1 The Safety Directors' Forum is a voluntary organisation whose primary objectives, through collaboration, are to:
 - Provide guidance to support operations across the whole lifecycle of the UK's nuclear facilities so they are conducted safely, securely and with care for the environment and with a proportionate approach to risk;
 - Drive continuous improvement in the safety, security and environmental standards applied across the UK's nuclear industry through sharing good practice;
 - Inform and influence Government Policy and regulatory approaches to ensure they are proportionate to the risks.

3. Purpose

- 3.1 The purpose of the Safety Directors' Forum (SDF) Regulatory meeting (SDF-R) is for the industry to work with the Regulators, whilst not impeding the Regulators' intrinsic independence to:
- 3.2 Identify the key strategic Health, Safety, Security and Environment issues facing the nuclear industry and act as a conduit for Safeguards and Quality issues.
- 3.3 Agree common goals, priorities and process in the pursuit of excellence with due regard that solutions are proportionate to the risk and cost effective when deployed.
- 3.4 Facilitate active engagement of:
 - Regulatory developments, focus areas and strategic themes and responses to them;
 - Key nuclear environment, radiological, industrial, safety, health, security, safeguards and quality (HSSSEQ) issues;
 - The implications of recent experiences (including, but not solely incidents);
 - Cultural and leadership approaches in addition to technical and engineering matters.
- 3.5 Monitor the effectiveness of the operator relationship with regulators and HMG and identify improvement areas.

4. Membership

4.1 Membership of the meeting will be:

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- SDF membership which consists of Safety Directors / Base Safety Representatives from ONR nuclear licensed sites, MoD nuclear authorised sites, and Directors of companies with major nuclear interests (as agreed by the SDF membership);
- Senior members of each of the nuclear regulators (ONR, EA, SEPA, NRW, DNSR);
 and
- Relevant organisations for specific meetings or agenda items (e.g. BEIS. NDA).

5. Meetings, Website, Chair, Deputy Chair and Secretary

- 5.1 Meetings will be held on a six monthly basis. Special meetings may be arranged by mutual agreement.
- 5.2 The meeting will be chaired by the SDF Chair. Under exceptional circumstances this responsibility can be delegated to the SDF Deputy Chair.
- 5.3 The SDF Secretary will be the SDF Regulatory meeting Secretary.