International Conference on Topical Issues in Nuclear Installation Safety: Safety Demonstration of Advanced Water Cooled Nuclear Power Plants

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Scientific Programme

Safety Assessment of Advanced Reactor Designs

- Use of advanced models and codes, their verification and validation
- Assessment of innovative design safety features, e.g. passive systems, in-vessel melt retention and ex-vessel corium cooling
- Safety assessment of small, medium and modular reactors
- Complementary and adequate use of deterministic and probabilistic safety analysis of plant design and operation

Design Safety Principles

- Design extension conditions (DEC) without significant fuel degradation and with core melting
- Practical elimination of early or large releases
- Margins regarding external hazards more severe than those selected for the design basis and avoidance of cliff edge effects
- Assessment of defence in depth, reliability of the provisions for each level and independence between different levels

Licensing of Advanced Reactor Designs

- Meeting the objectives of the Vienna Declaration
- Harmonization of approaches and methods applied, as well as safety and licensing requirements
- Licensing of passive systems, as well as digital instrumentation and control including DEC
- Licensing of small, medium and modular reactors, including considerations for remote installations and multiple-unit operation

Safety Reinforcement of Existing Installations

- Implications of the Vienna Declaration for existing nuclear power plants

- Periodic Safety Reviews
- Definition and use of safety goals
- Backfitting measures, particularly for coping with severe accidents
- Use of non-permanent equipment for accident conditions