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Safeguards in Slovakia

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The use of nuclear power started in former Czechoslovakia in early seventies in previous century. Czechoslovakia was party to Safeguards Agreement since 1973. After the split of Czechoslovakia in 1993, Slovak government fully adopted the Safeguards Agreement. After accession to the EU Slovakia ratified INFCIRC/193 and its Protocol Additional. Finally, in 2009, integrated safeguards regime has been implemented in Slovakia. After reaching highest standards in safeguards implementation we focused our effort on strengthening synergistic effects of safeguards, nuclear safety and nuclear security. The implementation and awareness of concept of 3S became our task. The Nuclear Regulatory Authority of the Slovak Republic (UJD) has started systematic effort of explanation of usefulness of implementation of 3S concept in our nuclear facilities. After the Chernobyl accident the nuclear safety became very important issue. Fukushima accident has further increased the importance of highest level of nuclear safety in our nuclear installations. Although the level of nuclear security and nuclear safeguards is very high, the awareness of importance of nuclear security and safeguards is not at the same level as awareness of nuclear safety.

UJD organized several activities with aim to increase the overall understanding of the concept of 3S. In last years we organized workshops on nuclear safety and nuclear security culture, we also discuss the issue with our operators in order to find ways on how to implement and utilize the benefits of synergy of 3S.

It is quite difficult to change the way the people think. The change will be a long process and we are at the beginning of it.

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