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In its approach to the development of a peaceful nuclear energy program, the UAE is committed to complete operational transparency, the highest standards of non-proliferation and to working directly with the IAEA. A strategy of continuous cooperation has been adopted in order to leverage the experience and recommendations of the IAEA early in the process of facility (reactor) construction and the establishment of the UAE Safeguards Structure. This strategy of early and continuous engagement since 2009 has proven to be of significant value. Reduced costs, reduced manpower requirements, and integration of safeguards into construction plans are all advantages realized with regard to generating and executing the safeguards approach for the UAE's nuclear program. Additional advantages include increased transparency, increased rapport between the IAEA and UAE and increased bilateral cooperation with other states. Challenges included establishing the appropriate information pathways while the program was still in formation. The conclusion is that early, continuous engagement with the IAEA for States beginning or expanding their peaceful nuclear programs is strongly advised.

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