

Position Paper on the Safety of Nuclear Installations

The Nuclear Industry considers that the existing arrangements for ensuring nuclear safety in the EU under the guidance of international nuclear organisations, conventions and under the control of the national safety authorities have delivered excellent safety records.

The industry also considers that the following viewpoints should be emphasised in any possible future EU initiatives on safety of nuclear installations:

- Any future common frame of reference for nuclear safety should enhance predictability and efficiency, and should promote harmonisation of national licensing requirements;
- The statutory role of the national safety authorities should be maintained and international cooperation between them (such as WENRA) should be encouraged;
- Primary responsibility for safety must remain with the license holder, supervised by the national regulatory body;
- Only qualified and experienced professionals of the national regulatory bodies should carry out plant inspections;
- Ongoing harmonisation of standards at international level is welcomed taking into account that national rules and practices shall always comply with international guidelines. Harmonisation should seek to rationalise thereby creating an environment of information sharing and cooperation between Member States.

Industry has a role to play in the harmonisation processes and is therefore willing to contribute to the dialogue with all possible stakeholders.