



# **IAEA–OECD/NEA Fuel Incident Notification and Analysis System**

## **Technical Meeting for the National Coordinators of the Joint IAEA–OECD/NEA Fuel Incident Notification and Analysis System (FINAS)**

**Organized by the  
IAEA and the OECD/NEA**

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Vienna, Austria**

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## **Information Sheet**

### **A. Introduction**

The Fuel Incident Notification and Analysis System (FINAS) is operated jointly by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and the Nuclear Energy Agency of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD/NEA). It compiles and analyses information on events at nuclear fuel cycle facilities and promotes a systematic approach to feedback and the use of lessons learned from operating experience.

The IAEA General Conference resolution GC(57)/RES/9 encourages Member States to provide feedback on safety related events at nuclear sites to the international community and encourages the IAEA Secretariat to support and coordinate these activities.

If experience and lessons learned from precursor events can be shared freely, then the probability of a serious accident could be significantly reduced and this requires strong national and international systems for operating experience feedback (OEF). Presenting this view in its 23rd report,<sup>1</sup> the International Nuclear Safety Group (INSAG) called for event reporting to be connected to programmes that transform lessons learned into risk reducing measures, such as improvements in design, management of plant operations and ageing, operator training, operating procedures and safety culture.

Recognizing the importance of sharing experience from operational events at nuclear fuel cycle facilities, the OECD/NEA and the IAEA are co-sponsoring this Joint IAEA–OECD/NEA Technical Meeting of the FINAS National Coordinators. The previous joint meeting was held at the OECD Conference Centre in Paris, France, in 2016.

## **B. Objectives**

The meeting will consist of two parts:

- Meeting to exchange information on recent safety related events at nuclear fuel cycle facilities;
- Meeting of the Technical Committee of FINAS National Coordinators.

The exchange of information on events will be based on presentations on the nature and causes of events submitted to the FINAS database and will include discussions on the implementation of corrective actions from these and other such events. In addition to the technical details of the event or experience, reports should focus on root causes with common relevance. These typically may include organizational factors as well as technical causes.

The Technical Committee will consider how more efficient use may be made of FINAS to provide information on good practices and to shift the focus from mere reporting of safety significant events to a more comprehensive OEF system, incorporating relevant OEF from a variety of sources.

The overall objective of the meeting is to improve the application by Member States of lessons that have been learned in other countries with the aim of reducing the potential for major accidents.

## **C. Target Audience**

The meeting is aimed at FINAS National Coordinators as well as users who wish to participate in the exchange of information on recent safety related events at nuclear fuel cycle facilities.

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<sup>1</sup> See: *Improving the International System for Operating Experience Feedback* (INSAG Series No. 23, IAEA, Vienna, 2008). Available online at: [http://www-pub.iaea.org/MTCD/publications/PDF/Pub1349\\_web.pdf](http://www-pub.iaea.org/MTCD/publications/PDF/Pub1349_web.pdf).

## D. Working Language

The working language of the meeting will be English.

## E. Topics and Presentations

In order to exchange information on recent safety related events at nuclear fuel cycle facilities during the meeting, participants are invited to select those recent events which have occurred in their respective countries. Selected events should be significant with regard to safety and considered appropriate for presentation at the meeting.

The presentations should include a brief description of the abnormal event or the significant issue, its causes and the corrective actions taken (or planned), as well as a discussion of its importance for safety in terms of consequences (actual or potential) and lessons learned. To enhance the participants' understanding, and to facilitate discussions, the use of figures and diagrams during the presentations is recommended.

**Safety related events presented at the meeting will be required to be entered into the FINAS database.**

A completed Participation Form (Form A), indicating whether or not the participant intends to give a presentation, should be sent to the IAEA through the competent national authority by **31 May 2018**, together with a short abstract (up to 400 words). These abstracts are requested for informal use by the organizers only in preparation for the meeting.

To facilitate preparation of the meeting, and to ensure an effective exchange of information, presentations should be sent by email to the IAEA Secretariat ([R.V.Gater@iaea.org](mailto:R.V.Gater@iaea.org)), copied to the OECD/NEA Secretariat ([Olli.Nevander@oecd.org](mailto:Olli.Nevander@oecd.org)), by **31 July 2018**.

Documents presented at the meeting will be distributed to participants and may be placed in a secure, password protected website with the agreement of the relevant Member State. It is up to the competent authorities in the participating countries to decide upon any further dissemination within their respective countries bearing in mind that these documents are to be used for official purposes only.

A summary of the meeting will be published in a technical report after the meeting.

## F. Visas

Designated participants who require a visa to enter Austria should submit the necessary application to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Austria as soon as possible.

## **G. Application Procedure**

Designations should be submitted using the attached Participation Form (Form A). Completed forms should be endorsed by the competent national authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs or National Atomic Energy Authority) and returned through the established official channels. They must be received by the IAEA not later than **31 May 2018**. Designations received after that date or applications sent directly by individuals or by private institutions cannot be considered. Designating governments will be informed in due course of the names of the selected candidates and at that time full details will be given on the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

## **H. Organization**

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Subsequent correspondence on scientific matters should be sent to the IAEA Scientific Secretary and correspondence on other matters related to the meeting to the IAEA Administrative Secretary.