



**Joint IAEA–NEA
International Reporting System
for Operating Experience (IRS)**

**Technical Meeting for National Coordinators of the
International Reporting System for Operating Experience
on Recent Events in Nuclear Power Plants**

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

IAEA Headquarters, Vienna, Austria

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Information Sheet

A. Introduction

The International Reporting System for Operating Experience (IRS), 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), compiles and analyses information on nuclear power plant (NPP) events and promotes a systematic approach to the feedback of lessons learned from operating experience.

The Technical Meeting of the International Reporting System for Operating Experience National Coordinators on Recent Events in Nuclear Power Plants (hereinafter referred to as “event”) is conducted annually within the framework of the relevant IAEA and OECD/NEA programmes. In recent years, Technical Meetings to exchange information on recent events of safety significance at NPPs have been held in conjunction with the annual meetings of the IRS Technical Committee.

The IRS Technical Committee Meeting, which will be held as a part of this event, is restricted to IRS National Coordinators and their alternates to analyse activity performed within the framework of the IRS.

B. Objectives

Recognizing the importance of sharing experience related to operational events at nuclear power plants, the IAEA and the OECD/NEA jointly organize international meetings – co-sponsored within the framework of IRS activities – dedicated to the exchange of information on recent safety-significant events.

The objective of the meeting is to exchange and discuss information on recent events that have occurred at NPPs.

Country representatives will provide presentations on recent events at NPPs.

The IAEA, NEA and the European Commission Joint Research Centre will provide updates and information on Operating Experience related activities, publications, trainings and working groups respective to their organizations.

C. Target Audience

The meeting is intended for IRS National Coordinators, representatives of the organizations that are responsible for nuclear installations at any stage of development, regulatory bodies and technical support organizations.

D. Working Language

The working language for the presentations during the meeting will be English. No simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

E. Expected Outputs

The expected outputs of this event are as follows:

- To enhance the safe operation of nuclear power plants through the sharing and discussion of recent operational events.
- To highlight the importance of information exchange between utilities and regulatory bodies.

The meeting will be conducted in an interactive format, emphasizing open discussions on the events presented. The expected results include the development of new insights, strengthened learning, and the exchange of practical experience among participants.

In addition, the IAEA, OECD/NEA, and EU/JRC will provide updates on their respective Operating Experience activities, including recent publications, training opportunities, and relevant working groups. This information is intended to assist participants in planning and engaging in future Operating Experience initiatives.

F. Structure

From Monday, 31 August 2026 to Wednesday, 02 September 2026 – **Technical Meeting to Exchange Experience on Recent Events in Nuclear Power Plants:**

1. Presentation and discussion of recent safety-significant events at NPPs
2. Plenary discussion on safety issues identified in presentations made at the meeting

Thursday Morning, 03 September 2026 – **Meeting of the Technical Committee of the IRS National Coordinators:**

1. Issues raised at the last meeting of the IRS Advisory Committee
2. IAEA activities in 2026
3. OECD/NEA activities in 2026

Thursday afternoon 03 September 2026 to Friday, 04 September 2026 – **Expert Group on Operating Experience:**

1. Agenda will be provided by the OECD/NEA.

G. Participation and Registration

All persons wishing to participate in the event have to be designated according to the OECD/NEA or IAEA official procedures. Nominations should be transmitted through the national delegates to the Committee on Nuclear Regulatory Activities (CNRA) for experts from OECD/NEA member countries and/or through the governments of IAEA Member States.

In order to be designated by an IAEA Member State or invited organization, participants are requested to submit their application via the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) to the competent national authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) or

organization for onward transmission to the IAEA by **3 July 2026**, following the registration procedure in InTouch+:

1. Access the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>):
 - Persons with an existing NUCLEUS account can sign in to the platform with their username and password;
 - Persons without an existing NUCLEUS account can register [here](#).
2. Once signed in, prospective participants can use the InTouch+ platform to:
 - Complete or update their personal details under ‘Complete Profile’ and upload the relevant supporting documents;
 - Search for the relevant event under the ‘My Eligible Events’ tab;
 - Select the Member State or invited organization they want to represent from the drop-down menu entitled ‘Designating Authority’ (if an invited organization is not listed, please contact InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org);
 - If applicable, indicate whether a paper is being submitted and complete the relevant information;
 - If applicable, indicate whether financial support is requested and complete the relevant information (this is not applicable to participants from invited organizations);
 - Based on the data input, the InTouch+ platform will automatically generate the Participation Form (Form A) and/or the Grant Application Form (Form C);
 - Submit their application.

Once submitted through the InTouch+ platform, the application, together with the auto-generated form(s), will be transmitted automatically to the required authority for approval. If approved, the application, together with the applicable form(s), will automatically be sent to the IAEA through the online platform.

NOTE: The application for financial support should be made, together with the submission of the application, by **3 July 2026**.

For additional information on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help](#) page. Any other issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be sent to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

Selected participants will be informed in due course on the procedures to be followed regarding administrative and financial matters.

Participants are hereby informed that the personal data they submit will be processed in line with the [Agency’s Personal Data and Privacy Policy](#) and is collected solely for the purpose(s) of reviewing and assessing the application and to complete logistical arrangements where required. The IAEA may also use the contact details of Applicants to inform them of the IAEA’s scientific and technical publications, or the latest employment opportunities and current open vacancies at the IAEA. These secondary purposes are consistent with the IAEA’s mandate. Further information can be found in the [Data Processing Notice](#) concerning IAEA InTouch+ platform.

H. Papers and Presentations

The IAEA encourages participants to give presentations on the work of their respective institutions that falls under the topics listed above.

Participants who wish to give presentations are requested to submit an abstract of their work. The abstract will be reviewed as part of the selection process for presentations. The abstract should be in A4 page format, should extend to no more than 1 page (including figures and tables) and should not exceed 500 words. It should be sent

electronically to Ms Cristy Gregory, the Scientific Secretary of the event (see contact details below), not later than **3 July 2026**. Authors will be notified of the acceptance of their proposed presentations by **24 July 2026**.

Submission of a paper should be confirmed, together with the submission of the main application via the InTouch+ platform, by **3 July 2026**.

I. Expenditures and Grants

No registration fee is charged to participants.

The IAEA is generally not in a position to bear the travel and other costs of participants in the event. The IAEA has, however, limited funds at its disposal to help meet the cost of attendance of certain participants. Upon specific request, such assistance may be offered to normally one participant per country, provided that, in the IAEA's view, the participant will make an important contribution to the event.

The application for financial support should be made, together with the submission of the application, by **3 July 2026**.

J. Venue

The event will be held at the Vienna International Centre (VIC), where the IAEA's Headquarters are located. Participants must make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

General information on the VIC and other practical details, such as a list of hotels offering a reduced rate for IAEA participants, are listed on the following IAEA web page:

www.iaea.org/eventsEVT2504092

Participants are advised to arrive at Checkpoint 1/Gate 1 of the VIC one hour before the start of the event on the first day in order to allow for timely registration. Participants will need to present an official photo identification document in order to be admitted to the VIC premises.

K. Visas

Participants who require a visa to enter Austria should submit the necessary application to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Austria at least four weeks before they travel to Austria. Since Austria is a Schengen State, persons requiring a visa will have to apply for a Schengen visa. In States where Austria has no diplomatic mission, visas can be obtained from the consular authority of a Schengen Partner State representing Austria in the country in question.

L. Additional Information

Reservations at hotels are to be made directly by the participants.

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Subsequent correspondence on scientific matters should be sent to the Scientific Secretary/Secretaries and correspondence on other matters related to the event to the Administrative Secretary.