

# **WELCOME TO THE LECTURE ON OPERATIONS**

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# **OPERATIONS**

## **AREAS TO BE DISCUSSED**

- OPERATIONS ORGANIZATION & ADMINISTRATION
- SHIFT ROUTINES & OPERATING PRACTICES
- CONTROL ROOM ACTIVITIES
- TRAINING
- CONTROL OF EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEM STATUS
- RECORD KEEPING & EVENT REPORTING
- OPERATING & TESTING PROCEDURES

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## **AREAS TO BE DISCUSSED (cont.)**

- OPERATOR AIDS
- EQUIPMENT LABELING
- DEFENSE IN DEPTH
- SUBSTANCE ABUSE
- PROBABILISTIC SAFETY ANALYSIS
- PERFORMANCE MONITORING

## **SETTING AND ACHIEVING GOALS**

- SUPPORT STRATEGY
- ARE MEASURABLE
- ACTION PLAN DEVELOPED
- FREQUENT MEASUREMENT
- CORRECTIVE ACTION
- BUY IN
- COHERENT
- FOCUSED

## **TYPICAL OPERATIONS GOALS**

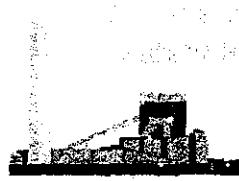
- REACTOR TRIPS
- OPERATING ERRORS
- CAPACITY FACTOR
- BUDGET
- INJURIES
- TRAINING STATUS
- LIT ANNUNCIATORS
- TEMPORARY OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

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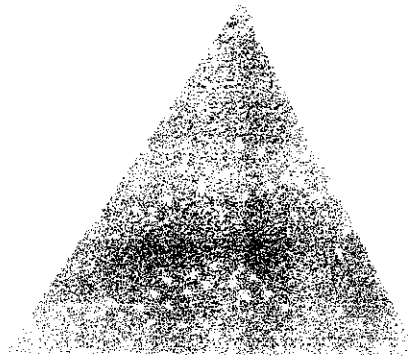
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**AN END IN THEMSELVES**

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## **OPERATING POLICIES**

- SET FRAMEWORK FOR ACHIEVEMENT OF GOALS
- ENSURE COHERENT CONDUCT OF OPERATIONS
- TYPICAL EXAMPLES

## **SHIFT ROUTINES AND PRACTICES**

- DELINEATION OF AUTHORITY
- REDUCTION OF ADMIN TASKS
- PROMPT NOTIFICATION OF ABNORMALITIES
- IDENTIFICATION OF DEFICIENCIES
  - ELIMINATE
  - CONTROL
  - CONTAIN
- FIELD TOUR DISCIPLINE
- COMMUNICATIONS

## **CONTROL ROOM ACTIVITIES**

- ESTABLISH ENVIRONMENT
- ESTABLISH EXPECTATIONS
- LIMITS OF AUTHORITY
- COMMUNICATIONS
- PROCEDURAL COMPLIANCE
- KNOWLEDGE OF FIELD STATUS
- CONDUCT OF TESTING

## **TRAINING AND QUALIFICATION**

- **INTEGRAL PART OF JOB**
- **MUST RESPOND TO SITUATIONS**
- **OPS MANAGEMENT INVOLVEMENT**
- **SIMULATOR DISCIPLINE**

## **INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION**

- USED WHEN PLANT UPSET CAN BE CAUSED BY THE MISTAKE OF ONE INDIVIDUAL
- COMPLIMENTARY TO SELF CHECKING
- SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCES THE POSSIBILITY OF ERROR
- VERIFICATION MUST TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE ACTIVITY IS CARRIED OUT
- HELPS PREVENT ERRORS DUE TO:
  - WRONG UNIT
  - WRONG SYSTEM
  - WRONG COMPONENT
  - WRONG ISOLATION
  - WRONG PROCEDURE

## **CONTROL OF EQUIPMENT STATUS**

- ANALYZED STATE
- AUTHORIZATION OF CHANGE
- SYSTEM AND EQUIPMENT CONFIGURATION
- DEFICIENCY IDENTIFICATION
- ALARM STATUS
- POST MAINTENANCE TESTING
- INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION



## **SELF ASSESSMENT - THE PROCESS**

### **SELF CHECKING**

- **STOP.** PAUSE BEFORE ACTING, FOCUS ATTENTION, REVIEW DETAILS. WHEN IN DOUBT, ASK
- **THINK.** WHAT IS TO BE DONE BEFORE ACTING. IDENTIFY EQUIPMENT, CONSIDER CURRENT INDICATIONS AND EXPECTED RESPONSE.
- **ACT.** MAINTAIN EYE CONTACT WITH EQUIPMENT, PHYSICALLY TOUCH EQUIPMENT, CONFIRM CORRECT EQUIPMENT IS BEING WORKED ON.
- **REVIEW.** VERIFY EXPECTED RESPONSE. IF AN UNEXPECTED RESPONSE OCCURS, TAKE APPROPRIATE CONSERVATIVE ACTION.

## **RECORD KEEPING & EVENT REPORTING**

- LOGS
- SHIFT TURNOVER
- EVENT REPORTING

## **OPERATING & TESTING PROCEDURES**

- KEY FACTOR IN OPERATING PERFORMANCE
- POOR PROCEDURES
- UNCLEAR POLICY
- SEQUENCE
- HUMAN FACTORS
- TEMPORARY PROCEDURES

## **IDEAL SITUATION**

- OPERATORS INTELLIGENTLY COMPLYING
- WELL WRITTEN
- ACCURATE
- CURRENT
- VERIFIED AND AUTHORIZED
- HUMAN FACTORS
- AVAILABLE
- CONTROLLED

## OPERATOR AIDS

- WHAT ARE THEY
- NEED
- CONTROL

## **EQUIPMENT LABELING**

- INITIAL DESIGN IMPORTANT
- IMPACT OF MAINTENANCE
- LEGIBILITY
- POLICY ON MISSING LABELS
- QUICKLY BECOMES A LARGE PROBLEM

## **FITNESS FOR DUTY ELEMENTS**

- DRUG ABUSE
- ALCOHOL ABUSE
- MEDICAL TREATMENT
- MENTAL STATE
- TIREDNESS
- ALCOHOL AVAILABILITY ON SITE

# **PROBABILISTIC SAFETY ANALYSIS**

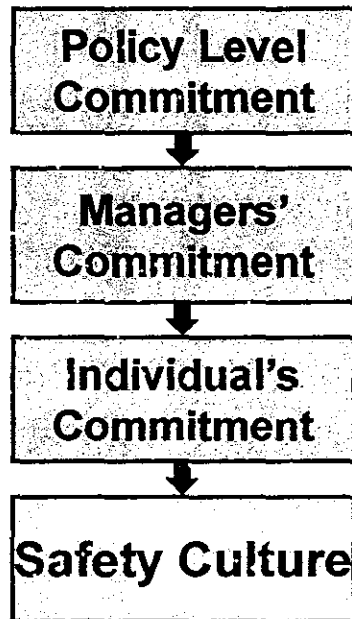
- **DEVELOPED TO UNDERSTAND VULNERABILITIES TO CORE DAMAGE**
- **CAPABILITY TO ENHANCE OPERATION**
  - **TRAINING**
  - **PRIORITIZE MODIFICATIONS**
  - **OUTAGE TIMES FOR SAFETY RELATED EQUIPMENT**
  - **EMERGENCY OPERATING PROCEDURES**
  - **OUTAGE VULNERABILITIES**



## **SAFETY CULTURE - CONCEPTS**

- TERM DERIVED BY INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR SAFETY ADVISORY GROUP (INSAG)
- EXPLAINED IN IAEA SAFETY SERIES NO. 75-INSAG-4, ***SAFETY CULTURE***
- AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT OF OPERATIONAL SAFETY AND OSART MISSIONS
- DEFINED AS:  
THAT ASSEMBLY OF CHARACTERISTICS AND ATTITUDES IN ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ESTABLISHES THAT AS AN OVERRIDING PRIORITY, NUCLEAR PLANT SAFETY ISSUES RECEIVE THE ATTENTION WARRANTED BY THEIR SIGNIFICANCE

# SAFETY CULTURE



## REVIEWING SAFETY CULTURE

- INDIVIDUAL QUALITIES ARE BEST ASSESSED IN DISCUSSION AND BY OBSERVATION OF WORK ACTIVITIES
- TEAM MEMBERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO ANSWER THE SELF ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS IN INSAG-4, BUT SHOULD NOT ASK THEM DIRECTLY. THESE QUESTIONS ARE INCLUDED IN *OSART GUIDELINES*, PP 15-18
- MANAGERIAL ASPECTS CAN BE ASSESSED, IN PART, BY PROGRAMMATIC REVIEW

## **A STRONG SAFETY CULTURE**

**A SOUND TECHNICAL BASIS EXISTS FOR ACTIONS WHERE:**

- **PROCEDURES ARE UP-TO-DATE**
- **DESIGN BASIS IS UP-TO-DATE**
- **TECHNICAL DOCUMENTATION IS DEVELOPED FOR PLANT CHANGES**
- **LIMITS OF SAFETY ANALYSES ARE OBSERVED, AND**
- **RISKS ARE ASSESSED AND UNDERSTOOD**

## **A STRONG SAFETY CULTURE (cont..)**

**A DISCIPLINED APPROACH TO OPERATIONS BY  
STAFF WHO ARE:**

- **HIGHLY TRAINED AND QUALIFIED**
- **CONFIDENT BUT NOT COMPLACENT**
- **COMMITTED TO FOLLOWING PROCEDURES -  
INTELLIGENT COMPLIANCE**
- **COMMITTED TO GOOD TEAMWORK AND  
COMMUNICATIONS**
- **SUPPORTED BY MANAGEMENT AND ADEQUATE  
RESOURCES**

## **A STRONG SAFETY CULTURE (cont..)**

A PREVAILING STATE OF MIND FOCUSED ON SAFETY AND CHARACTERIZED BY:

- CONTINUING SEARCH FOR WAYS TO IMPROVE
- CONSTANT AWARENESS OF WHAT CAN GO WRONG
- FEELINGS OF PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SAFE OPERATIONS
- FEELINGS OF PRIDE AND OWNERSHIP OF THE PLANT

## **A STRONG SAFETY CULTURE (cont..)**

RIGOROUS SELF ASSESSMENTS ARE PERFORMED AND:

- PLANT AND INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE ARE ACTED UPON
- INTERNAL AND INDEPENDENT AUDITS ARE CONDUCTED
- FACTS ARE FACED
- BAD NEWS ACCEPTED
- PROBLEMS ARE DEALT WITH PROMPTLY, OPENLY AND OBJECTIVELY

## **DEFENSE IN DEPTH OBJECTIVES**

- COMPENSATE FOR HUMAN ERROR
- MAINTAIN EFFECTIVENESS OF BARRIERS
- PROTECT PUBLIC FROM HARM IF BARRIER NOT FULLY EFFECTIVE



## **DEFENSE IN DEPTH STRATEGY**

- PREVENT ACCIDENTS
- LIMIT CONSEQUENCES IF THEY HAPPEN

## **DEFENSE IN DEPTH STRUCTURE**

- PREVENTION OF ABNORMAL OPERATION AND SYSTEM FAILURES
- CONTROL IF THEY HAPPEN
- ACTIVATION OF SPECIAL SAFETY SYSTEMS
- LIMITATION OF ACCIDENT PROGRESSION
- MITIGATION OF CONSEQUENCES OF A RELEASE

# **DEFENSE IN DEPTH**

## **SOME KEY OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

- **EFFECTIVE SURVEILLANCE**
- **GOOD MATERIAL CONDITION**
- **PROCEDURAL COMPLIANCE**
- **TRAINING**
- **SAFETY CULTURE**
- **HUMAN FACTORS**