

NATIONAL NUCLEAR REGULATOR

For the protection of persons, property and the environment against nuclear damage.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY PERSPECIVE TO NUCLEAR POWER

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- 1. Regulatory Framework in South Africa
- 2. The progress and implication of Integrated Nuclear Infrastructure Review (INIR) in South Africa
- 3. Nuclear technology safety and localization challenges





LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK

- The nuclear sector in South Africa is mainly governed by the
 - Nuclear Energy Act, Act 46 of 1999 (NEA)
 - National Nuclear Regulator Act, Act 47 of 1999 (NNRA)
 - National Radioactive Waste Disposal Institute Act (Act 53 of 2008)
 - Disaster Management Act (57 of 2002)
 - Nuclear Energy Policy (2008)
 - Radioactive Waste Management Policy and Strategy (2005)
 - Integrated Energy Resources Policy (2010)
- The Hazardous Substances Act, Act 15 of 1973 (HSA), provides
 - Group III hazardous substances (involving exposure to ionising radiation emitted from equipment)
 - Group IV hazardous substances (radioactive material not at nuclear installations or part of the nuclear fuel cycle, for example fabricated radioactive sources and medical isotopes)





REGULATORY FRAMEWORK (Nuclear)

Regulatory Standards

- Regulations and Requirements Documents
- Guidance
- Position Papers & Regulatory Research

Authorisations

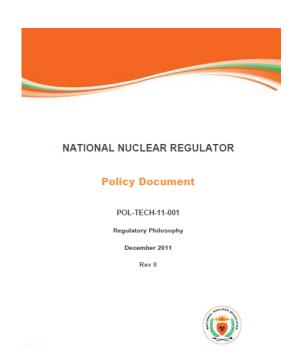
- Nuclear Installation License
- Certificate Of Registration
- Certificate Of Exemption
- Nuclear Vessel License
- Not standards for all facilities and activities
- Standards not in line with latest international standards





REGULATORY PHILOSOPHY

- Regulatory Self Assessment conducted in 2010
- Review of regulatory framework
- POL-TECH-11-001, Regulatory Philosophy Rev 0 issued January 2012
- Describes the regulatory philosophy of the NNR and provides the overall basis of the safety standards and regulatory practices
- Contains the propose new suite of safety standards
- Defines the NNR new technical documents hierarchy







TECHNICAL DOCUMENT HIERARCHY

Level 0 Acts, Legislation

Level I

Regulations

Level II

Nuclear Authorisations

Regulatory Directives and Policies

Level III

Guidance documents

Position Papers

Level IV

Technical Reports, Inspection Reports, Research Reports, Letters



















REGULATIONS

- PART A: General Nuclear Safety Regulations
 - Scope of Regulatory Control
 - Licensing and Certification
 - Management of Safety
 - Safety Assessment
 - Transport Safety
 - Radiation Protection and Waste Safety
 - Emergency Planning
 - PART B: General Nuclear Security Regulations





REGULATIONS

- PART C: Specific Nuclear Safety Regulations
 - Nuclear Installations
 - NORM
 - Waste Disposal Facilities
 - Siting
- PART D: Administrative Regulations
 - Liability for Nuclear Damage
 - Enforcement
 - Cooperative Governance
 - Public Safety Information Forum
 - Public Participation





REGULATORY GUIDANCE

- At least 9 discipline areas identified for Regulatory Guides
- The priority areas informed by the regulations, industry priorities and the nuclear expansion programme
- Regulatory guidance for the 2013-14 financial year
 - 1. Management of safety
 - 2. Nuclear security and
 - 3. Transport safety





POSITION PAPERS (NEW BUILD)

- Types of and stages of nuclear authorisations for nuclear installations
- Design Assessments
- External Events
- Manufacturing oversight
- Emergency Plan technical basis
- Digital Instrumentation and Control (Draft)
- Conformity Assessment Framework for Pressure Equipment





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NUCLEAR EXPANSION

- Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) 2010 allocated 9600 MW for nuclear power
- The Nuclear Energy Policy (2008) sets out the roles and responsibilities of government and the other key stakeholders for Nuclear Power
- Defines a National Nuclear Energy Executive Coordination Committee (NNEECC), which has been established and is chaired by the President of South Africa
- NNEECC has adopted a phased decision making approached
- A nuclear energy technical committee, led by the relevant directorsgeneral, reports to the ministers, and a nuclear energy working group, incorporating various working subgroups, is led by senior officials
- The NNEECC has determined that Eskom, the utility in South Africa, will be the owner/operator of the new nuclear power plants.



INTEGRATED NUCLEAR INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW (INIR)

- IAEA team of international experts carried out a review of South Africa's nuclear infrastructure from 30 January to 8 February 2013
- First INIR mission to generating nuclear country, the first in Africa
- Review 19 infrastructure issues identified in the IAEA publication "Milestones in the Development of a National Infrastructure for Nuclear Power"
- Milestones approach and guidelines ensures infrastructure required for the safe, responsible and sustainable use of nuclear technology
- The IAEA INIR team identified strengths such as regulatory selfassessment, environmental impact assessment, grid development and stakeholder involvement.





INTEGRATED NUCLEAR INFRASTRUCTURE REVIEW (INIR)

- Specific recommendations and suggestions have been identified to help South Africa strengthen its nuclear infrastructure as it expands its nuclear power programme
- Action plan has been agreed and actions items are being implemented by the various working subgroups functioning under the NNEECC.





EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS REVIEW (EPREV)

- IAEA team of international experts carried out a review of South Africa's capabilities and arrangements for emergency preparedness and response from 2-12 February 2014
- Outcome of the INIR and Fukushima review, and included in the country Nuclear Safety Action Plan
- Full scope EPREV, including all facilities and activities (nuclear material and radioactive sources)
- Basis of review IAEA GS-R-2 "Preparedness and Response for a Nuclear or Radiological Emergency" and Self-Assessment conducted by South Africa
- The IAEA Team identified a number of Good Practices and also specific recommendations and suggestions to help South Africa strengthen its emergency preparedness and response framework



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LOCALIZATION CHALLENGES

- Capacity of local industry including relevant knowledge, skills and experience
- Integration and coordination of stakeholders (NNEECC) and phased approached to decision making;
- Key decisions outstanding by NNEECC leading to uncertainty wrt time lines, codes and standard, localisation content, etc.
- Absence of national nuclear codes and standards and non-prescriptive approach to regulation
- Understanding and experience with the codes and standards of potential vendor countries (Local experience limited to codes such as ASME, RCCM and IEEE)
- Suppliers, operator and regulator competence in codes and standards of vendor country





LOCALIZATION CHALLENGES

- Pre-qualification processes of potential RSA suppliers
- Strict quality and safety management requirements for manufacturing of the components
- Potential conflict between administrative requirements of vendor country code and the national conformity assessment framework
- Local industry has limited experience with nuclear quality and safety management requirements, associated standards and practices

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Position Paper

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PP-0012	MANUFACTURING OF COMPO INSTALLAT		TS FOR NUCLEAR	0
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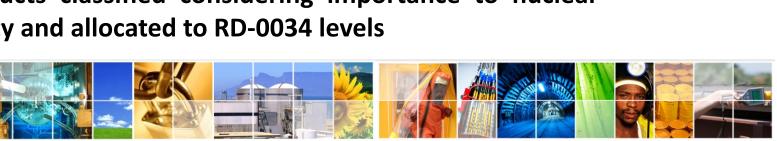


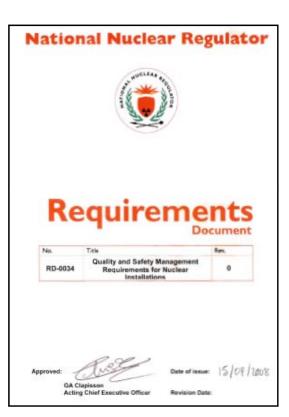




REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS FOR **QUALITY AND SAFETY**

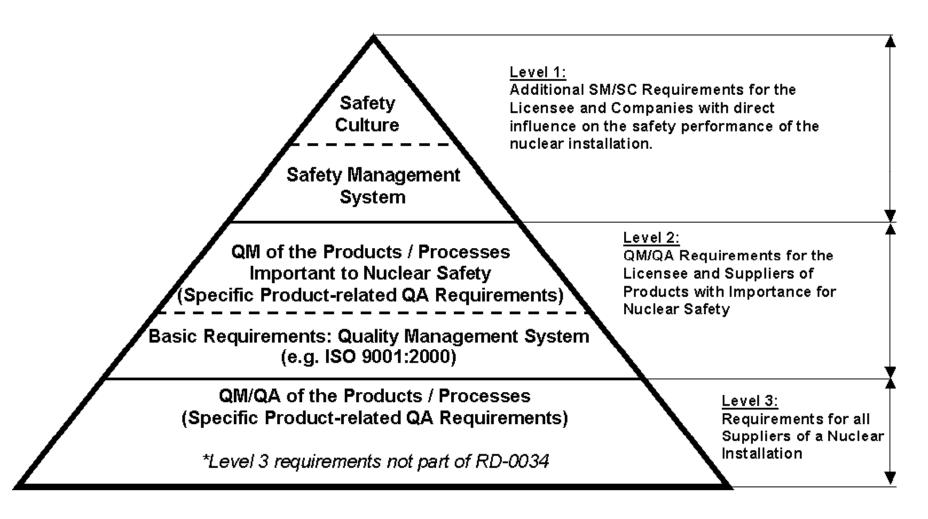
- RD-0034 defines the quality and safety management requirements that must be complied in a graded approach
- RD-0034 must be complied with by all organisations involved of NPP in the life cycle the (owner, designer, suppliers and sub suppliers) which could have a influence on the nuclear or radiation safety of the plant
- **Defines the Principles for Safety Culture implementation** within the IMS framework
- Products classified considering importance to nuclear safety and allocated to RD-0034 levels







REGULATORY APPROACH TO MANUFACTURING







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- Authorisation to Manufacture required, typically included in the authorisation for construction
- Manufacturing of long lead items allows subject to pre-condition for authorisation
- Supplier qualification against RD-0034 requirements
- Component manufacturing
 - ✓ Quality Control Plan
 - ✓ Documents to be provided prior to manufacturing including safety evaluation, design input, design, manufacturing processes, etc.
- Regulatory oversight during supplier qualification and component manufacturing





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