Nuclear Ecosystem and Safety Culture Self-Assessment at a Regulatory Body

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Green Nuclear Energy
Balancing the Planet Earth Ecosystem

Plants, Animals, Humans, Air, Water, Soil, are parts of Earth Ecosystem

NPP 12.3% provides of the world Electricity

Avoids 2.5 Billion metric tonnes of CO2/year

We have to think and feel together to Protect Planet Earth Ecosystem

One Mind One Soul
What have we Learned From Nuclear Accidents?

1979 three Mils Island, USA
We also learned the influence of human factors on nuclear safety?

1986 Chernobyl, USSR
We also learned about influence of organizational and cultural factors influence on nuclear safety

2011 Fukushima , Japan
We are learning about safety culture II influence on nuclear safety

Have we learned and changed our way of doing things?
Future of Nuclear Safety: Need for a Change in Approach

Was TEPCO at the wrong place at the wrong time?

What if tsunami was in other country, how would they done it?

Is our understanding changed towards safety culture?

Have we changed our basic assumptions and feelings towards safety culture?

Transformation is change of heart (and mind)
The future of nuclear safety and clean energy rest on our commitment and understanding that human behaviours, technology systems, organizational processes (ITO), are subsystems of one system.

New Approach: Nuclear Safety Culture is in the Interaction of Human, Organizational and Technical factors (ITO).
Systemic view: ‘ITO’

- Refers to the interaction between Individuals, Technology, and the Organization
- A systemic safety perspective that embraces.
  - HF - Factors which influence individuals` capability to perform safely
  - HFE - Engineering in which factors that could influence human performance are taken into account
  - OF - Factors which influence the organization to operate safely; the organizational infrastructure for individuals to safely operate the technology
  - TE - Factors which influence the technology to operate safely

Sources: IAEA SCAS- RB
New Approach to Nuclear Safety
Regulate the White Space to shape the Nuclear Safety

Ecosystem view is an opportunity for regulator to achieve the mission of nuclear safety culture within the national nuclear program. White space is the area beyond existing regulatory space.

The existing scope
Other regulatory bodies ecosystem
White space
Public
Operators
Vendors
Regulator
Universities
TSO/R&D labs / etc.
UN/IAEA ecosystem
Operators ecosystem
Regulator is responsible and accountable for nuclear ecosystem
Regulatory Roles: Systemic

New Approach to Nuclear Safety

The Mission of Nuclear Safety Culture

Nuclear regulator is the creator and shaper of nuclear safety culture within the ecosystem. Regulator can protect it or disregard its nuclear ecosystem. To protect the nuclear ecosystem system the regulatory body must have strong safety culture, and the mission to built and improve nuclear safety culture within its nuclear ecosystem.

Q. What will be the cost of not having a clear nuclear safety culture mission for the ecosystem and within the regulatory body?
Leadership Attributes for the Nuclear Safety Culture

Most important attribute is **self reflection attitude** always seek time for soul searching why and what are we doing? How it is connected with safety culture (SC)?

**Self Reflection**

What is the purpose of my organization? (Systemic view)
What and why I enjoy my job? (connecting to core values and believes)
How my organization is linked with other organizations? (Systemic view)
What is my organization SC mission and what is my SC mission? (mission and purpose)
What are the correct ways of doing things and what needs to be changed? Why (Systemic view)
What are (my) ours assumptions on SC? How these assumptions have created our understanding about SC? What should be our assumptions and why? (shared space)
How and what choices will influence nuclear ecosystem? (Systemic view)
It is not only the presence of positive values, heart and mind attributes are important but the absence of not so desirable values that are important for nuclear leadership.
What is not Nuclear Leadership?

1. When leadership show only success and hide weakness and venerable sides.
2. When leadership creates hierarchy structure and power dynamics (no shared space).
3. When leadership is technology oriented, or rules and regulations oriented, or too much human oriented.
4. When leadership discourages difference of opinions and people stop showing disagreements.
5. When leadership compromises on safety culture and public trust.
6. When leadership is production oriented.
# Review of IAEA Safety Documents

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IAEA has developed the safety fundamentals, requirements, guidelines, reports and TEC doc for operates and licensees point of views. (applicable for regulators)

However after several nuclear accidents we have learned that regulator was also not very effective in doing the safety culture assessment job at operators / nuclear organizations.

Q. Is there a need to bring regulator safety culture competence and know how to much higher level?

Q. If the regulator does not have the safety culture framework and has not done the safety culture self assessment how are they going to ensure safety culture at operators?
Safety Culture Self Assessment at Regulator: Case of PNRA
Safety Culture Self Assessment Journey

Why?

1. Licensees were asking what/where is the regulator’s safety culture framework?
2. Regulators/Inspector were asking what are the Attributes and characteristics for (our) regulator’s safety culture? Same as operators/NPP?
3. We know what is safety but how do we understand and observe safety culture at facilities/NPP?
4. Safety is the responsibility of licensees! (SF-1, p6)
What are the barriers for safety culture self assessment at regulator?

1. Don’t have safety guide (like GS-G- 3.1/3.5) for safety culture self assessment for regulators
2. Regulators don’t have skills and capabilities to do the safety culture self assessment.
3. What is safety culture for regulators?
4. Are we ready for SCSA training?
5. How can we measure CULTURE?
The objective of the project was to gain knowledge and guidance on how to continuously improve the regulatory body safety culture (SC) and reinforce the oversight licensees safety culture.

The project included expert support (from IAEA) in two main areas:
1) SC self-assessment, and safety culture oversight.
2) The development of training material, guidance documents, and training, coaching as well as international consultancy meetings.
Safety Culture Self Assessment at PNRA

Deliverables

1. Training and coaching on safety culture self-assessment
2. Training and coaching on safety culture oversight
3. Training material on safety culture self-assessment for regulatory authorities (IAEA)
4. Training material on safety culture oversight for inspectors (IAEA)
How it started?

1. It was initiated from lower and middle level managers not from the top level. Chief regulator fully supported it but it is still owned by lower and middle level managers. Change beings from the bottom.

2. Culture change program started with small project, from safety culture self assessment workshop and not organization wide cultural change project. Small is beautiful.
Questions were raised during reflection phase.
1. Why regulator needs safety culture?
2. What are the safety culture attributes for regulators?
3. What and how IAEA will help self assessment?
4. Will top management act on self assessment findings or not?
5. Which regulatory organization has done SCSA?
6. Where is the report?
7. Where is the methodology to do SCSA?
8. Does national culture/ organizational culture / personal habits influence safety culture? What?
### Senior Manager’s feedback on the IAEA Safety Culture Self-Assessment Course

**Place:** PNRA, Islamabad, Pakistan  
**Dates:** 24-26 April 2013  
**Number of participants:** 25

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| Evaluation of Course Leaders |
| Knowledgeable? | 7 | 12 | 4.6 |
| Able to teach effectively? | 7  | 12  | 4.6 |
| Approachable? | 5   | 12  | 4.7 |
| Willing to flex teaching methods to meet learner needs? | 9   | 9   | 4.5 |
| **TOTAL AVERAGE score** | | | | | **4.6 out of 5** |

The contents and the calibre of the lectures were extraordinarily high. I could not find any weaknesses except that it should be a four day workshop for senior management.

Engaging and highly interactive, knowledgeable and experienced lecturers, open atmosphere evolved by the resource persons.

The lecturers were very open to dialogue ideas and were practicing what they said regarding shared space and communication. I feel the workshop should have had a few more hours, or another day, to really mesh.

The workshop came at the right time since we have initiated some serious work related to safety culture assessment and improvement. The presentations, discussions and information sharing were excellent and I now feel change in the way of thinking and behaving.

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Conclusions

1. Regulator is responsible and accountable for the nuclear ecosystem.

2. Safety culture at regulatory body will determine the safety culture within the nuclear ecosystem and nuclear organizations.

3. Start small project with the big mission in heart. SCSA is a best way for developing team culture in organization.

4. Understand organizational culture before safety culture.

5. There is a need for SCSA guidelines for regulatory body.

6. Be ready for surprises and blind spots during the SCSA.

7. We have to transform our feelings towards safety culture, mind
New Approach: Systemic View of Safety Culture

Feel

Assessment

Care

Act

Think

Individual Factors

Organizational Factors

Technology Factors
Conclusions

SCSA provided a Systemic view of individual behaviors, and organizational factors relationships and influence on nuclear safety culture within the nuclear regulatory organization.

Future of Nuclear safety is in the Safety Culture II and when your heart and mind, are together for safety culture.
Thank You

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