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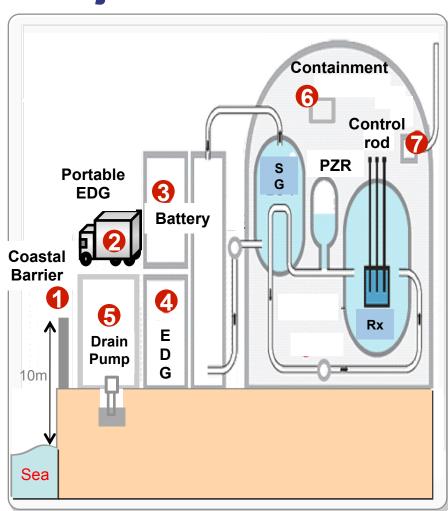
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#### Introduction



#### **♦** Major Post-Fukushima Actions



- Making the coastal barrier higher at Kori site
- Preparing a vehicle with a portable power generator (Gas-Turbine type)
- Securing the safety of emergency battery power from flooding
- 4 Installing watertight doors at EDG buildings
- **6** Applying the water-proofing motors for pumps
- (6) Installing passive hydrogen removal systems which are operated without electricity [PAR]
- Installing a containment filtered venting system [CFVS]



## **NSC Concept**



#### **♦ Nuclear Safety Culture History Worldwide**

Country	Events Triggering Safety Culture	Years
Soviet	Chernobyl Accident	1986
USA	Davis-Besse Reactor Header Erosi on	2002
Japan	TEPCO Scandal Fukushima Accident	2002,2006 2011
Korea	Unreported Kori-1 SBO	2012
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Lesson Learned:

Culture makes NPPs more vulnerable than expected. >



## **NSC Concept**



#### ♦ Nuclear Safety Culture History Worldwide

- IAEA published INSAG-4 on SC(safety culture) in 1991.
- Korean Government published nuclear safety policy in 1994.
- INPO and NRC have elaborated SC in US since 2002.
- KHNP introduced a nuclear safety vision in 2003.
- The SC assessment method was developed in 2006 to measure both perception n and adherence to SC attributes established by IAEA.
- INPO and NRC published NSC principles and characteristics of a mature stage in 2010.
- The Fukushima Nuclear Accident was occurred in 2011.
- KHNP published SC 6 principles and 26 action statements in 2011.
- Unreported Kori 1 SBO was revealed in 2012.
- KHNP conducted Kori SC assessment in 2012.
- KHNP revised SC 6 principles and 24 action statements in 2012.
- NRC revised SC Policy Statement in 2012.



## NSC concept development in Korea

#### • What is nuclear safety culture?

 NSC is one of important concepts of culture in nuclear industry because nucl ear plants have unique risks, such as core damage, intense energy density a nd so on.

# What is difference between NSC and industrial safety ?

 NSC is to prevent public from harms of radioactive material, but industrial saf ety is to prevent workers from injuries.

#### • Are there any entities to reflect NSC?

NSC consists of assumptions, belief and artifacts. The artifacts involve Corre ctive Action Program, Work-order process, design change process, etc. The artifacts could show the level of NSC, but not NSC itself. Therefore, there is neither visible nor tangible entity of NSC. NSC is like a shadow.

#### • If there is no entity of NSC, how can NSC be improved?

- Everybody can sing. There are singers who sing very well.
- Everybody can operate a valve. There are workers who operate a valve safe
  ly.
- Therefore, NSC is an adverb to reinforce a verb.



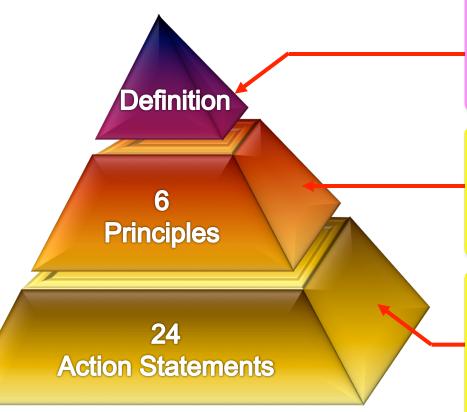
## NSC concept development in Korea

- If NSC is an adverb rather than a verb, how can NS C be treated as an important element?
  - You know that Psy the singer has earned lots of money.
  - What discriminates nuclear power plants is adverb rather than ver
    b.
- If NSC is very important to NPPs, Should NSC be wr itten in every procedures?
  - No. Even though some statements in procedures are written with caution notes, causes cannot be inserted in every statements because of reading burden.
  - Instead, every workers should have proper attitudes of NSC in mind rathe r in procedures
- How to foster NSC in heart?
  - To build NSC principles and action statements
  - To adopt NEI-09-07 (Fostering NSC)





#### **♦ The NSC Model of KHNP**



Nuclear safety culture is members' belief and behaviors in the organization that serve to make nuclear safety the overriding priority.

K1(Responsibility), K2(Leadership), K3(Attitude), K4(Environment), K5(Learning), K6(Management)

> K1A,K1B,K1C,K1D K2A,K2B,K2C,K2D K3A,K3B,K3C,K3D K4A,K4B,K4C,K4D K5A,K5B,K5C,K5D K6A,K6B,K6C,K6D





#### **♦ KHNP NSC 6 Principles**

- **K1.** [Responsibility]
  - **Everybody is responsible for nuclear safety.**
- **K2.** [Leadership]
  - Leaders demonstrate personal commitment to nuclear safety.
- **K3.** [Attitude]
  - Personnel always has a questioning attitude at work.
- **K4.** [Environment]
  - Safety conscious work environment is established.
- K5. [Learning]
  - Learning and improvement activities are continued.
- **K6.** [Management]
  - Nuclear safety fostering systems are implemented.





#### NSC Elements

NSC Definition)



NSC Princ iple



NSC Action Statements



- KHNP NSC principles and action statements have been developed considering Korean culture with referential safety culture principles from IAEA, NRC, and others.
- Action statements are not less important than principles.
- The principles and action statements have been develope d for easy-understanding of NSC by excluding abstract expr essions and simplifying complex sentences.
- The term 'action statements', instead of 'attributes', emp hasizes practice and utilization.





### **♦ NSC** 6 Principles and 24 action statements

- K1. Everybody is responsible for safety (Responsibility).
  - > K1a, Nuclear safety is the first priority of all work activities.
  - K1b, Roles and responsibilities for nuclear safety are clearly und erstood.
  - > K1c, Nuclear safety related regulations and procedures are observed.
  - K1d, Personnel demonstrate ownership for nuclear safety in day t o day activities.
- K2. Leaders demonstrate commitment to safety (Leadership).
  - K2a, Leadership and professionalism of nuclear safety are demon strated.
  - K2b, Vertical/horizontal communication is encouraged.
  - > K2c, Leaders actively and willingly participate in nuclear safety r elated activities.
  - K2d, Nuclear safety related issues are managed, and conflicts ar e resolved.





- K3. Personnel always has a questioning attitude at work.
  (Attitudes)
  - ➤ K3a, Unique properties of nuclear technology are fully understoo d, and given tasks are cautiously performed.
  - > K3b, Mistakes are perceived, and the worst situations are prepared.
  - > K3c, Opinions are reviewed and considered to decision making.
  - > K3d, Questions are raised, and abnormalities are reported imme diately.
- K4. Safety conscious work environment is established.

#### (Environment)

- K4a, Trust permeates the organization
- > K4b, Personnel can raise nuclear safety concerns without fear of retribution.
- > K4c, Nuclear safety related issues are feely raised.
- K4d, Nuclear safety related actions are acknowledged, and inc entives are provided accordingly.



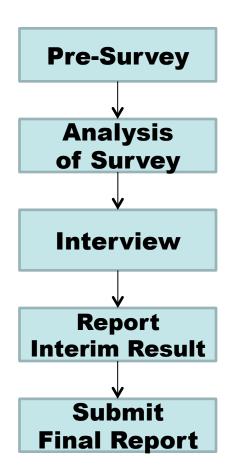


- K5. Learning and improvement activities are continued. (Learning)
  - > K5a, Specialized training and education are periodically given.
  - > K5b, Nuclear safety related training and education are given acc ording to personnel's level.
  - K5c, Operating experiences are timely analyzed and used.
  - > K5d, Improvement activities are continuously executed.
- K6. Nuclear safety culture fostering systems are implemented.
  (Management)
  - > K6a, Nuclear safety policy is set, and its values are shared amon g members of organization.
  - K6b, Nuclear safety is firstly considered to business planning an d distribution of human resources.
  - > K6c, Periodic nuclear safety culture assessments and self asses sments are performed.
  - > K6d, Findings of assessment are reflected in the operation process and procedures.





### **♦ NSC** assessment process



- Measuring the level of NSC awareness
  (based on the principles of NSC in KHNP, K1~K6)
  - Pre-Survey
  - Interview
- O NSC index

(40×No.of Negative Response)+(70×No.of Neutral Response)+(100×No.of Positive Response)

#### No of Total Response

- If interviewee answers are neutral, The value of the index is 70 points.
- In other words, the more the number of positive answers, the higher the value of NSC index.





#### **♦ KHNP NSC Index**

Principles <sup>1)</sup>	I=1, 2 6		
Action Statements <sup>2)</sup>	J=a, b, c, d		
Weighting Factors	w <sub>1</sub> =100, w <sub>2</sub> =70, w <sub>3</sub> =40		
No. of Positive Responses	P <sub>IJ</sub>		
No. of Blank Responses	B <sub>IJ</sub>		
No. of Negative Responses	N <sub>IJ</sub>		
No. of Total Responses	$T = \sum_{J=a}^{d} \sum_{I=1}^{6} (\mathbf{P}_{IJ} + \mathbf{B}_{IJ} + \mathbf{N}_{IJ})$		

$$S_{IJ} = \frac{\mathbf{w_1} \times \mathbf{P_{IJ}} + \mathbf{w_2} \times \mathbf{B_{IJ}} + \mathbf{w_3} \times \mathbf{N_{IJ}}}{\mathbf{T}}$$





#### **♦ KHNP NSC Index**

#### Note)

- 1) 1: Responsibility, 2: Leadership, 3: Attitude, 4: Environ ment, 5: Learning, 6: Management
- 2) 24 Action statements of the KHNP NSC
- 3) 70 points of the index means a neutral answer. The ind ex increases with more positive answers. In other wor ds, the index is the same concept of a statistical avera ge, and it represents NSC instead of three variables; p ositive, neutral and negative. The range of the index is 40 to 100.





#### **♦ NPP NSC Assessment(2012)**

- Purposes
- To measure the level of workers' NSC awareness
- To enhance continuously and settle NSC

#### Assessment period and NPPs

	Pre-Traini ng	Assessment Period	
Plants		<b>Pre-Survey</b>	On-site Assess ment
KORI 1,2	5.17	5.14~18	5.21~24
WOLSONG1,2	6. 7	6. 4~ 8	6.12~15
HANBIT1,2	6.28	6.25~29	7. 2~ 5
HANUL1,2	7.12	7. 9~13	7.16~19





#### Scope of Assessment

Dlanta	The number of workers				
Plants	Group	Pre-Survey	Interview	Total	
KORI 1,2	KHNP	195	175	336	
	Contractors	100	45	190	
	KHNP	276	121	425	
WOLSONG 1,2	Contractors	272	20	332	
HANBIT 1,2	KHNP	220	118	316	
	Contractors	140	33	293	
HANUL 1,2	KHNP	239	116	338	
	Contractors	155	33	271	
TOTAL		1,597	661	2,501	

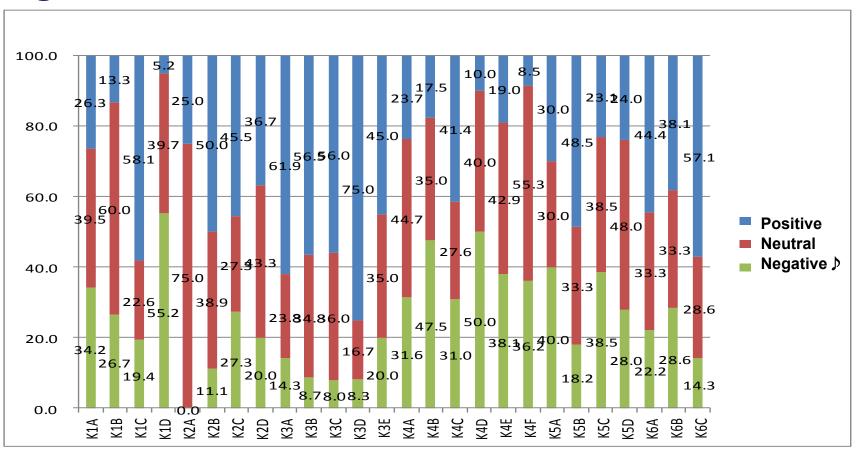
<sup>\*</sup> Approximately 50% people of total workers participated in Survey. Approximately 35% people of total workers participated in Interview

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#### ♦ NPPs NSC in a graph with previous action statement s







#### Good Practices in the NPP

- Contingency plans are well prepared.
  - Most workers have sufficient skill and knowledge to co pe with contingency.
  - Work progresses are shared during senior morning mee ting.
- Lesson learned from the Kori SBO accident is fed back to NSC.
  - NSC principles are preferred to illegal commands from seniors.
  - Decisions are based on safety rather than production.
  - Being aware of their complacency
  - Willingness to accept other cultures





- **◆** Good Practices in the NPP
  - Well-established processes and systems
    - Periodic procedure revision
    - Use of operational experiences
    - > Supervisor's observation, pre-job briefing, and human er ror prevention tool were thoroughly performed.
  - Ownership based on the notion of 'we are the last ba rrier of NSC' is not compromised despite public blam es
    - Most workers were willing to mitigate consequences of severe events before reporting accidents.
    - Managers had emphasized that the unit 2 should be ope rated more safely even though the unit 1 couldn't be in operation soon.





#### **♦** Areas of improvement in the NPP

- Plant characteristics should be considered while allo cating resources.
- Safety performance index should be developed to mot ivate workers.
- Partnership with contractors should be strengthened.
  - Long waiting time to get a job permission and to carry in/o ut equipment
  - Less experienced KHNP workers to supervise contractor's experienced experts
  - Short term contracts prevent maintenance companies from hiring skilled experts.
  - Small sized contractors can't keep NSC cultivation system s.





#### **♦** Areas for improvement in the NPP

- Communication should be encouraged.
  - > Top down communication prevails in organizations. Consider ation to understand background of commands and to listen to concerns of workers is needed.
  - > The stress caused by accident investigation weakens trust be etween members.
  - Workers consider MV(Management Vitality) as a burden than a rest.
- NSC should be educated especially for
  - Senior managers with high authority
  - Expert with complacency
  - Workers who are reluctant to change
  - Workers who despise general affairs except for their own act ivities



- **♦ KHNP Strategic Objectives for NSC** 
  - 1. To establish infrastructure to enhance NSC
  - 2. To create Safety Conscious Work Environment (S CWE)
  - 3. To intensify safety mind of all employees
- Implemented framework to enhance NSC





#### **NSC** enhancement infrastructure

- To improve processes to assess NSC
- To apply NSC assessment program periodically
- To set up plant specific NSC promotion programs
- To operate a NSC council between KHNP and Contractors
- To train special NSC training courses to all general manager s
  - Reinforcing safety leadership training for all executives
  - Customizing NSC curriculums for new employees and top management



#### Safety conscious work environment

- Emphasis on policy of NPP operation regarding safety aspe ct
  - Internal management evaluation scheme was changed to benefit the organization that contributes to enhancement of s afety.
  - Extension of overhaul duration for better preparation and thorough checkups
- Establishment of Site NSC oversight organization at all sites (for 24hours)
- Building employee concerns program(ECP)
- Performing a periodic safety video conference
- Holding safety culture workshops



#### **Safety mind of employees**

- To start a special campaign, "Safety Culture LOVE+ 365"
  - Law, Obedience, Valuable, Efforts, all together(+),
    65 days(everyday, week, month)
  - Pledge, Weekly messages, Safety meeting, Slogans etc.
- To observe and prevent the factors to weaken NSC at all times
  - Develop and utilize the checklist of SC observation in the field
- To cultivate expertise of NSC throughout the organization
- To develop and utilize the education contents of NSC
  - NSC training materials
  - NSC poster and safety message
  - NSC comprehensive manual

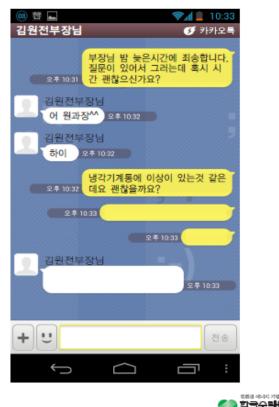


#### **NSC Posters & Campaign**



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업무시간이 아니어서 대하기 힘들어서 그냥 넘어가실건가요?







## **Conclusions**



- KHNP established a safety culture policy to put safety first. 6 principles and 24 action statements have been developed and are being utilized in the field.
- KHNP is developing the various contents to improve sa fety culture; posters, dynamic contents, web programs , etc.
- KHNP has been implementing the NSC assessment to measure the level of workers' NSC awareness since 20 06.
- Improvement items for NSC were proposed from NSC a ssessment result. And post actions are being impleme nted through a short or long term plans in KHNP.
- Currently, The NSC of Korea is emphasized than ever b efore, and is being strengthened step by step from CEO to all employees.

