

# The Gulf Nuclear Energy Infrastructure Institute (GNEII) Four Years On

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### Introduction

#### What is GNEII?

- Regionally based Institution
  - human resource capability
  - Future decision makers
    - managers & regulators
- Education & Development
  - Nuclear energy infrastructure
  - Integrated safeguards, safety, and security (3S)
  - Nuclear power fundamentals
- Strategic effort
  - Coordinated partnership
  - Responsible national nuclear energy program
  - Regional context

#### Why GNEII?

- Build indigenous human resources
  - Education, Research, Technical capacity
  - Integrated 3S Systems Approach
    -coupled with Nuclear Energy Infrastructure
- GNEII Addresses a Need
  - Increased nuclear power demand
  - Regional Nuclear Infrastructure
    - GNEII is a sustainable mechanism for developing a responsible nuclear energy program

# **GNEII** is a Strategic Partnership

#### **UAE Partners**

- Sponsorship & implementation
  - Khalifa University of Science, Technology and Research
- KHALIFA UNIVERSITY

- Support from
  - Federal Authority for Nuclear Regulation (FANR)
  - Emirates Nuclear Energy Corporation (ENEC)
  - Critical Infrastructure and Coastal Protection Authority (CICPA)

#### **US Partners**

- Sponsorship
  - DOE/NNSA International Nuclear Security Program (INS)
  - DOS/CTR Partnership for Nuclear Security (PNS)





- Implementation
  - Sandia National Laboratories (SNL)



Texas A&M University (TAMU) Nuclear Security Science and Policy Institute



# **History**











- Initial Discussions
- International Consultations
- •Regional Scoping Trip

2009



- Letter of Intent
- Memorandum of Understanding
- GNEII Pilot Course
- International Conferences

- Fundamentals Course
- International Conferences
- GNEII Symposium

2012 -2014









# **Educational Philosophy**

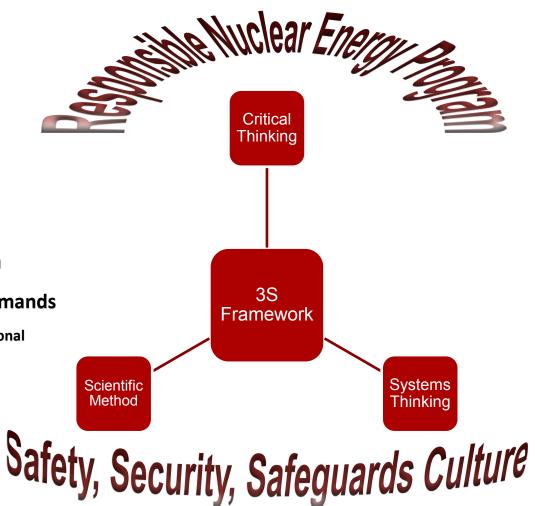
Safety, Security, Safeguards Culture

**Integrated 3S Framework** 

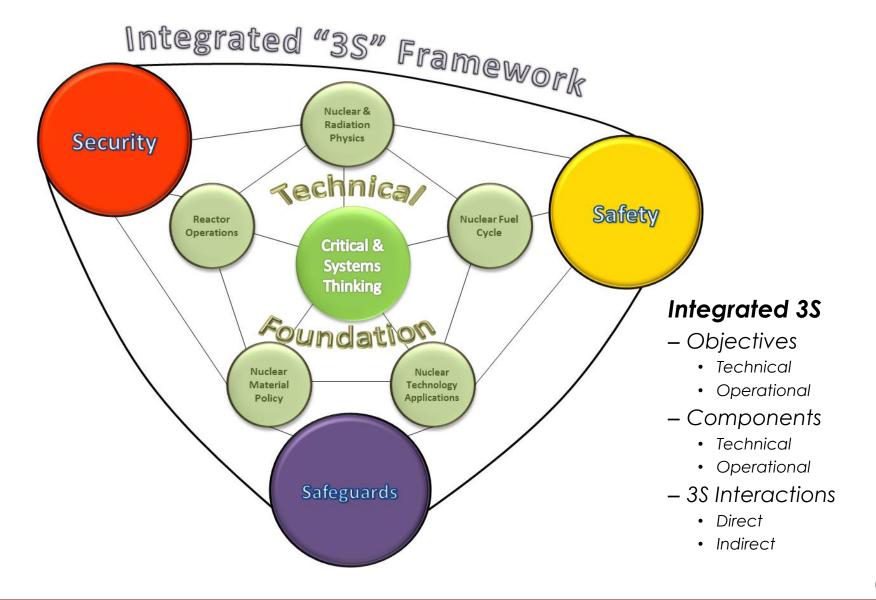
- Critical Thinking
- Scientific Method
- Systems Thinking & Approach

**Responsible Nuclear Energy Program** 

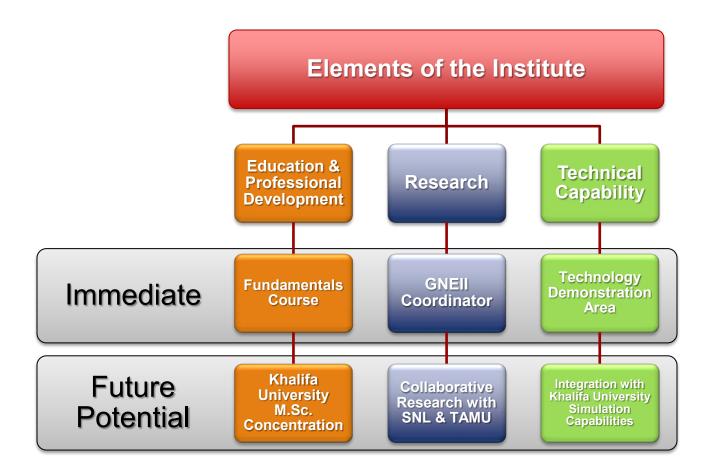
- Balance & Optimize Needs & Demands
  - Technical, Social, National, International



### 3S Curriculum



### **GNEII's Three Pillars**



# Education

#### **GNEII Fundamentals Course**



#### **Nuclear Energy Technical Foundations**

Critical Thinking, Systems Approach, Physical Foundations,
 Nuclear Fuel Cycle

#### Nonproliferation, Safeguards, Safety & Security

International Nonproliferation Regime, International Safeguards,
 Safety Culture and Risk Analysis, Physical Protection and Security
 Culture, 3S Interactions

#### **Capstone Research**

- Educational and intellectual foundation for conducting independent research
- Bridges GNEII's Education and Research elements

# Education

#### **GNEII 2014 Fundamentals Course Curriculum** 9-Feb Intro, 3S, Critical & System Thinking, Scientific Method, Need for Nuclear, History, Components, Economics, Applications Week 1 16-Feb Nuclear & Radiation Physics, Neutron Interactions, Reactor Operations, Radiation Effects, Operating Modes Week 2 23-Feb Power Plant Systems, Fuel Cycle, Nonproliferation Efforts & Policy Week 3 2-Mar Week 4 SAFEGUARDS (2 weeks) State System of Accountancy Controls, Non-Destructive and Destructive Analysis, Bulk and Item Facilities 9-Mar Week 5 16-Apr Week 6 **SECURITY (2 weeks)** Probabilistic Risk Assessment, Security Culture, Physical Protection Systems, Detect, Delay, Respond, Evaluate 23-Apr Week 7 30-Apr **Independent Capstone Research** Week 8 6-Apr Week 9 SAFETY (2 weeks) Safety Culture, Engineered Safety Features, Emergency Response Planning, Radiation Safety 13-Apr Week 10 20 -Apr Week 11 27-Apr Capstone Research & Preparation (3 weeks) Week 12 4-May Week 13 11-May **Capstone Preparation & Dry Runs** Week 14 18-19 May **SYMPOSIUM: Capstone Presentations & Certificates**

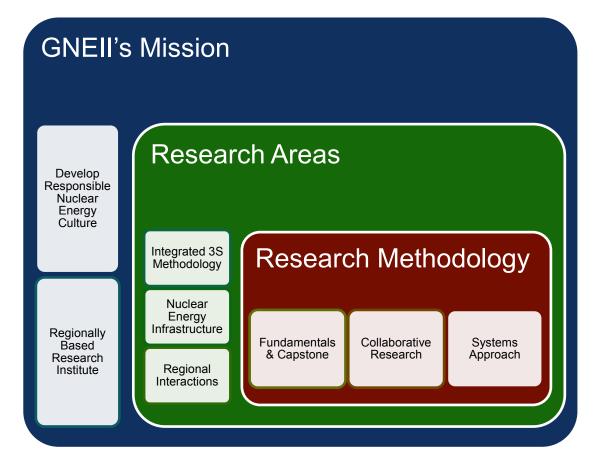
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#### Capstone Research Projects

- Independent Research
- Applied 3S Approach

#### **Collaborative Research**

- Stakeholders, Partners, Implementers
- Common Issues & Concerns
- Regional Perspectives



### **Technical Capability**

### Technology Demonstration Area

- Hands-on equipment
  - Radiation monitors, detectors, etc.
- 3S Laboratory



### Nuclear Engineering at Khalifa University

- Radiation Sciences Lab
- Reactor Analysis & Simulation Lab
- Environmental Radiation Lab

**Environmental Radiation Lab** 



Radiation Sciences Lab





Reactor Analysis, Design and Instrumentation Controls Lab



## Thank you!





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