



Summary on the

Proposal on the European Operating Experience Feedback System

The TSO Network supports the efforts to strengthen the European OEF process as a important task to improve the safety of nuclear installations. In order to contribute to these efforts, the TSO Network proposes the establishment of an European Operating Experience Feedback System consisting of an European Expert Network with an Technical Board formed by high level experts to assist the European OEF process and a Information Service Centre to coordinate the work, to disseminate the results and to form the contact point for the Member States.

The performance of the proposed tasks of the European OEF System needs a comprehensive and very detailed knowledge about design and operation of the nuclear power plants in the EC. The tasks could be performed by a European network of experts still based in their home organisation (TSO or regulatory body) and working together while they would still benefit from the technical support of their organisations.

This European Expert Network should form the European OEF System and perform the following tasks:

- The European Expert Network should evaluate OEF reports from Member States and other international event reports with significant lessons to be learned to draw conclusions and to give recommendations with respect to the various designs in the European countries.
- On request of a European Member State, the European Expert Network could provide support for the evaluation of significant events, the development of international event reports and the definition of specific actions to be taken. This could be in particular useful for countries with a small nuclear program.
- The European Expert Network should also collect and evaluate the responses – e. g. the actions taken after foreign events - of the Member States. The evaluation should give additional advice on further potential actions, with a special attention devoted to avoid recurring events.
- In addition the European Expert Network could also develop reports on various topics within the OEF on request of the EC or Member States.

The TSO Network is convinced that an international group of high level experts should support the OEF process. This Technical Board should be formed by high level experts of different TSOs, regulatory bodies and the Information Service Centre representing a broad knowledge and expertise. The Technical Board should meet regularly, review the work of the expert network and encourage the Member States to take actions based on the results and recommendations of the European OEF System.

The Member States should also report regularly about the implementation of the recommendations to the Technical Board. These reports would close the operating experience feedback loop.

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