



Department for  
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## Government Response to the OSART report

### **Publication of the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) Operational Safety Review Team (OSART) mission report, on Sizewell B nuclear power station.**

From 6 to 22 October 2015, EDF Energy hosted an independent team of industry experts led by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to conduct an assessment of operational safety at Sizewell B nuclear power station. This was held at the invitation of the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

OSART missions aim to improve operational safety by objectively assessing safety performance using the IAEA's Safety Standards, and proposing recommendations for improvement where appropriate. The review at Sizewell B covered the areas of leadership and management for safety, training, operations, radiation protection, technical support, chemistry, operating experience, emergency preparedness, maintenance and severe accident management.

The review highlighted a number of good areas of performance at Sizewell B and in keeping with the approach taken in peer reviews offered proposals to EDF Energy for further improvements to be made.

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy welcomes the report from the IAEA and looks forward to a further follow up Mission conducted by the IAEA in 2017. The UK is confident that good progress will be made by EDF Energy on the further enhancements suggested by the IAEA and recognises the positive feedback provided by IAEA on the operational safety of Sizewell B.

General information about OSART missions can be found on the [IAEA Website](#).

An OSART mission is designed as a review of programmes and activities essential to operational safety. It is not a regulatory inspection, nor is it a design review or a substitute for an exhaustive assessment of the plant's overall safety status