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Government Response to the OSART report

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

From 24 to 28 April 2017, EDF Energy hosted an independent team of industry experts led by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to conduct a follow-up assessment of operational safety at Sizewell B nuclear power station. This follow-up of the mission that took place in October 2015 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 UK Government values these reviews highly as they make a major contribution to spreading best practice.

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 accident management.

During the original OSART mission, the team of international experts noted that performance was good at Sizewell B and in keeping with the approach taken in peer reviews offered proposals to EDF Energy for further improvements to be made. During the follow-up mission, the team of international experts concluded that all of the recommendations and suggestions had been completed or satisfactorily progressed and the mission was successful.

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy welcomes the follow-up report from the IAEA and congratulates Sizewell B on the number of good practices identified. Torness nuclear power station hosted an OSART mission in January 2018, we look forward to reading the IAEA's findings in due course.

The Sizewell B report can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/operational-safety-osart-mission-to-sizewell-b-nuclear-power-station-follow-up-report>

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.