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The Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)

The ONR is responsible for regulation of nuclear safety and security across Great Britain (amongst other things). Their mission is to provide efficient and effective regulation of the nuclear industry, holding it to account on behalf of the public.

The ONR independently regulates nuclear safety and security at 36 nuclear licensed sites in the UK. They also regulate transport and ensure that nuclear safeguards obligations for the UK are met (by supporting Euratom and IAEA activities). The ONR has a duty to ensure that the nuclear industry controls its hazards effectively, has a culture of continuous improvement and maintains high standards.

Legal Framework & Regulations

The ONR was established as a statutory body corporate in 2014 under the Energy Act 2013. The 2013 Act sets out the role and functions of the ONR, providing the framework of responsibilities and powers of the organisation.

The ONR & Safeguards

The ONR monitors safeguards performance in the UK, supporting and intervening as necessary with UK persons subject to safeguards and/or Euratom and the IAEA to ensure that safeguards obligations in the UK are met in a proportionate manner.

The **role of the ONR safeguards function** is to:

- a) support and intervene as necessary with the international safeguards inspectorates of Euratom and the IAEA and/or UK organisations that are subject to safeguards requirements;
- b) fulfil the international and domestic safeguards-related reporting obligations that are the direct responsibility of the UK government; and
- c) provide the UK government with informed independent assessment of safeguards application and compliance in the UK and with technical advice on safeguards implementation more generally.