

Charter for the International Nuclear Utilities Obsolescence Group



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Purpose

The International Nuclear Utilities Obsolescence Group (INUOG) has been formed to drive the international nuclear industries effort to further collaborate in the area of obsolescence. Developing synergies across the industry and a platform for nuclear utilities to openly share thoughts, ideas, lessons learned and successes in relation to obsolescence, INUOG is a forum for development of process, tools, measures, and techniques to mitigate risks at a station level with the goal of supporting and improving equipment reliability, availability, and ageing management. Linking in with NUOG there will be wider collaboration and integration for obsolescence programme development and continuous improvement.

Challenge

The challenges that the nuclear industry is faced with includes:

- Suppliers abandoning the industry
- Ageing plants
- Shorter product life cycles
- Regulations becoming more onerous
- Regulations differing between utilities and countries

Scope

INUOG supports nuclear utilities internationally with:

- Establishing obsolescence guidelines, tools, and effectiveness measures
- Support nuclear suppliers in an effort to prevent obsolescence
- Advocate for applicable nuclear standards across regulators

Membership

INUOG is open to all nuclear utilities world-wide. Annual meetings are open to international nuclear utilities and key nuclear co-operators.

Governance

Governance of the INUOG will be via a Steering Committee comprising of a Chair, one (1) Vice Chair, and Advisors. The Steering Committee will have monthly virtual meetings to set the priority and direction for the group.

There is an expected period of two (2) years tenure as Chair, with an option to extend beyond two (2) years.

There is a minimum period of one (1) year tenure as Vice Chair; recommended period of two (2) years.

There is a minimum period of one (1) year tenure as Advisor; recommended period of two (2) years.

The minimum size of the Steering Committee shall be five (5) members.

The maximum size of the Steering Committee shall not exceed eight (8) members.

Expectation of all Steering Committee members is that they remain active and visible within the group.

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Meetings

The INUOG will hold an annual face to face meeting, with virtual meetings being held on a monthly basis.

Change Management

Changes to INUOG documentation shall be presented to the INUOG membership at the annual meetings.

Product Approval

All formal INUOG documents shall contain an INUOG document number following the format: INUOG-YY/###, assigned by an INUOG Advisor. The document should include a cover page with the signatures of the developer, reviewer and approver.

The approver of all final products developed by INUOG will be agreed by the INUOG Steering Committee and signed by the INUOG Chair.

At the Steering Committee's discretion, INUOG will work with the World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO), the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) or the International Equipment Reliability Working Group (IERWG) to publish documents.