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ASSESSMENT OF FUTURE ROLE OF RADIATION PROTECTION

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Objectives: To assess the future role of radiation protection in the nuclear power industry.

Comments: The main points of interest that emerged from this study are as follows:

- * Make radiation protection customer focused.
- * Make radiation protection's role understood.
- * Radiation protection must be viewed as a resource by the station.
- * The image of radiation protection personnel as policemen must be dispelled.
- * Complicated, cumbersome and overly conservative radiation protection processes should be eliminated.

Remarks: The following are the suggested changes that should be made:

- * Upgrade plant accessibility
- * Disaggregate radiological work permits (RWPs)
- * Simplify dressout
- * Improve postings and plant maps
- * Provide radiological protection instructions in the work order

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