N120. Information Exchange

The OECD Nuclear Energy Agency launched in 1988 the idea of creating an international system for information exchange in the field of occupational exposure. The system would allow the integration of experience gained in nuclear power plant operation in the OECD countries for the purpose of facilitating operational dose management and optimization of radiation protection. This idea led to the official launching of the ISOE on the occasion of the first meeting of its steering group, on November 18, 1991 in Paris.

This paper describes the principal features of the ISOE, discusses the role of past experience in ALARA, and gives, finally, an update of the participation in the system.