

3491. Changing Times for Radiological Protection Managers

The impact of the deregulation of the electricity supply industry on Health Physics at nuclear facilities was the main talking point at this year's Radiological Protection Managers Workshop, organized by INPO and EPRI. The workshop's central theme was "Excellence in Radiological Protection During Times of Change." In his summing up, Steve Driscoll, Radiological Protection Manager at INPO, said he was concerned that these changes in utility strategy would lead to an erosion of key skills and complacency about the nature of the radiological hazard and the levels of employee dose now achieved in the U.S. Although the costs in terms of received dose per generated unit have fallen by a factor of six in the last 15 years, there are early signs that the trend is plateauing out and may even have increased slightly.

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