



The ASN strategy

In 2017, when it developed its strategic plan 2018–2020, ASN laid down the guidelines of its oversight action. These guidelines constitute the foundation of a shared culture and collective know-how.



On behalf of the State, ASN ensures the oversight of nuclear safety and radiation protection in order to protect people and the environment. It informs the public and contributes to enlightened societal choices.

ASN decides and acts with rigour and discernment: its aim is to exercise an oversight that is recognised by citizens and regarded internationally as a benchmark for good practice.

The ASN oversight policy

ASN exercises its oversight by using, in a way that is complementary and adapted to each situation, the regulatory framework and licensing decisions, inspections, and if necessary, enforcement measures, to ensure optimal control over the risks that nuclear activities represent for people and the environment.

The oversight is based on in-depth technical discussions with those responsible for the activities, taking the organisational factors into account. Its integrated approach takes into account all the aspects of protection of people and the environment. The stakeholders contribute to it.

The oversight aims first and foremost at ensuring that the persons or entities responsible for activities effectively meet their obligations. The oversight cannot be exhaustive.

It is ASN's responsibility to define the architecture of the oversight system, to implement it and to upgrade it regularly as required.

It is ASN's duty to strive for greater effectiveness and to focus its oversight on the actions that produce the greatest benefit for the protection of people and the environment.

It is incumbent on ASN to identify and regularly reassess the oversight priorities, by using its skills and field knowledge to the full, particularly through its inspections and the lessons learned from incidents and accidents. The issues are defined with regard to the intrinsic risks the activities present for people and the environment, and the behaviour of those responsible for the activities and the means they deploy to control them. The legitimacy and credibility of ASN's oversight actions depend on the coherence of its work methods, not on uniformity of oversight.

ASN must increase its oversight in the priority areas, whether this concerns a type of activity, a particular industrial, medical or research facility, or a technical subject. Conversely, in low-risk areas or situations it considers positive for the protection of people and the environment, ASN must be capable of reducing its oversight and explaining why it is doing so.

Strategic Plan for 2018–2020

The multi-year strategic plan guides the action of the departments for a period of 3 years. It defines a common project and constitutes a reference document for ASN's management actions. This document, which is used by the staff, presents five broad lines of collective action:

- 1** | Reinforce the implementation of a graded and efficient approach to our oversight
- 2** | Better manage the technical examinations process
- 3** | Reinforce the effectiveness of our action on the ground
- 4** | Consolidate our functioning
- 5** | Consolidate the French and European approach through international action

Key figures

- > **2006**: creation of ASN as an independent administrative authority
- > **500** employees, of whom **300** are inspectors
- > **11** regional divisions (Bordeaux, Caen, Châlons-en-Champagne, Dijon, Lille, Lyon, Marseille, Nantes, Orléans, Paris, Strasbourg)
- > Annual budget of **84 million euros** and **83 million euros** devoted to IRSN technical support
- > **1800** inspections per year
- > **6** ASN resolutions and **100** ASN licensing decisions in 2017
- > **2900** facility or activity licenses and authorisations issued per year
- > **100** information notices published each year on www.asn.fr
- > **3000** days per year devoted to international relations

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