



THE FRENCH NUCLEAR SAFETY AUTHORITY

2022

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ASN ORGANISATION CHART

ASN was created by the 13 June 2006 Nuclear Security and Transparency Act. It is an independent administrative Authority responsible for regulating civil nuclear activities in France.

On behalf of the State, ASN ensures the oversight of nuclear safety and radiation protection 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 oversight that is recognised by the citizens and regarded internationally as a benchmark for good practice.



ROLES

REGULATING

ASN contributes to drafting regulations, by submitting its opinion to the Government on draft decrees and Ministerial Orders, and by issuing technical regulations. It ensures that the regulations are clear, accessible and proportionate to the safety issues.

AUTHORISING

ASN examines all individual authorisation applications for nuclear facilities. It grants licenses and authorisations, with the exception of major authorisations for Basic Nuclear Installations (BNIs), such as creation and decommissioning. ASN also issues the licenses provided for in the Public Health Code concerning small-scale nuclear activities and issues licenses or approvals for radioactive substances transport operations.

MONITORING

ASN is responsible for ensuring compliance with the rules and requirements applicable to the facilities and activities within its field of competence. Since the Energy Transition for Green Growth Act of 17 August 2015, known as the "TECV Act", ASN's roles now include protecting ionising radioactive sources against malicious acts. Inspection is ASN's primary monitoring activity. More than 1,900 inspections were thus performed in 2022 in the fields of nuclear safety and radiation protection.

ASN has graded enforcement and penalty powers (formal notice, administrative fines, daily fines, ability to carry out seizure, take samples or require payment of a guarantee, etc.). The administrative fine is the competence of the ASN Administrative Enforcement Committee, which complies with the principle of the separation of the examination and sentencing functions.

EXPERT SUPPORT

When drawing up its decisions, ASN calls on outside technical expertise, in particular that of the French Institute for Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety (IRSN). The ASN Chairman is a member of the IRSN Board. ASN also calls on the opinions and recommendations of seven Advisory Committees of Experts (GPEs), from a variety of scientific and technical backgrounds.

INFORMING

ASN reports on its activities to Parliament. It informs the public and the stakeholders (environmental protection associations, Local Information Committees, media, etc.) about its activities and the state of nuclear safety and radiation protection in France.

ASN enables all members of the public to take part in the drafting of its decisions with an impact on the environment. It supports the actions of the Local Information Committees of the nuclear facilities.

The *asn.fr* website is ASN's main information channel.

IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

ASN monitors the steps taken by the licensee to make the facility safe. It informs the public and its foreign counterparts of the situation. ASN assists the Government. More particularly, it sends the competent Authorities its recommendations regarding the civil security measures to be taken.

REGULATION AND MONITORING OF DIVERSIFIED ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES

Nuclear power plants, radioactive waste management, fabrication and reprocessing of nuclear fuel, packages of radioactive substances, medical facilities, research laboratories, industrial activities, etc. ASN monitors and regulates an extremely varied range of activities and installations.

This regulation covers:

- 56 nuclear reactors producing 70% of the electricity consumed in France, as well as the Flamanville EPR reactor under construction;
- about 80 other facilities participating in civil research activities, radioactive waste management activities or "fuel cycle" activities;
- 35 facilities which have been finally shut down or are being decommissioned;
- several thousand facilities or activities using sources of ionising radiation for medical, industrial or research purposes;
- several hundred thousand shipments of radioactive substances performed annually in France.

OPERATIONS

THE COMMISSION

The Commission defines ASN's general policy regarding nuclear safety and radiation protection. It consists of five Commissioners, including the ASN Chairman, appointed for a term of 6 years^(*).

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| Bernard DOROSZCZUK Chairman | Sylvie CADET-MERCIER ^(*) Commissioner | Géraldine PINA JOMIR Commissioner | Laure TOURJANSKY ^(*) ^(**) Commissioner | Jean-Luc LACHAUME ^(*) Commissioner |
| from 13 november 2018 to 12 november 2024 | from 21 december 2016 to 9 december 2023 | from 15 december 2020 to 9 december 2026 | from 21 april 2021 to 9 december 2023 | from 21 december 2018 to 9 december 2026 |
| ↓ APPOINTED BY the President of the Republic | | | ↓ APPOINTED BY the President of the Senate | ↓ APPOINTED BY the President of the National Assembly |

* The Environment Code, modified by Act 2017-55 of 20 January 2017, introducing the general status of the independent administrative Authorities and the independent public Authorities, provides for the renewal of half of the ASN Commission, other than its Chairman, every three years. Decree 2019-190 of 14 March 2019 (codifying the provisions applicable to BNIs, the transport of radioactive substances and transparency in the nuclear field) sets out the relevant interim provisions and modifies the duration of the mandates of three Commissioners.

** By Decree of the President of the Republic dated 21 April 2021, Laure Tourjansky was appointed Commissioner for the remainder of the mandate of Lydie Évrard, called to other duties.

IMPARTIALITY

The Commissioners perform their duties in complete impartiality and receive no instructions from either the Government or any other person or institution.

INDEPENDENCE

The Commissioners perform their duties on a full-time basis. Their mandate is for a six-year term. It is not renewable. The duties of a Commissioner can only be terminated in the case of impediment or resignation duly confirmed by a majority of the Commissioners.

The President of the Republic may terminate the duties of any member of the Commission in the event of a serious breach of his or her obligations.

COMPETENCIES

The Commission takes decisions and issues opinions, which are published in ASN's *Official Bulletin*. The Commission defines ASN's oversight policy. The Chairman appoints the ASN inspectors. The Commission decides whether to open an inquiry following an incident or accident.

Every year, it presents the *ASN Report on the State of Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection in France* to Parliament. Its Chairman reports on ASN activities to the competent committees of the National Assembly and of the Senate and to the Parliamentary Office for the Evaluation of Scientific and Technological Choices. The Commission defines ASN's external relations policy at national and international level.

THE DEPARTMENTS

ASN comprises departments placed under the authority of its Chairman. The departments are headed by a Director General, appointed by the ASN Chairman. They carry out ASN's day-to-day duties and prepare draft opinions and decisions for the ASN Commission. They comprise:

- **head office departments organised according to topics**, which oversee their field of activity at a national level, for both technical and transverse matters (international action, preparedness for emergency situations, information of the public, legal affairs, human resources and other support functions). They more specifically prepare draft doctrines and texts of a general scope, examine the more complex technical files and the "generic" files, in other words those which concern several similar facilities;
- **11 regional divisions**, with competence for one or more administrative regions, so as to cover the entire country and the overseas territories. The regional divisions conduct most of the oversight in the field on the nuclear facilities, radioactive substances transport operations and small-scale nuclear activities. They represent ASN in the regions and contribute to public information within their geographical area. In emergency situations, the divisions assist the Prefect of the *département*^(***) who is responsible for the protection of the population, and oversee the operations to safeguard the facility affected by the accident.

*** Administrative region headed by a Prefect.

KEY FIGURES 2022

PERSONNEL



516
staff members

85%
management

48%
women

329
inspectors

ASN ACTIONS



1,868
inspections of which 4%
were carried out remotely

239
technical opinions
sent to ASN by IRSN

19
plenary sessions of the
Advisory Committees
of Experts

2,161
individual licensing
and registration
resolutions issued

28,508
inspection follow-up
letters available
on *asn.fr* as at
31 December 2022

BUDGET



€ **68.30 M**

budget for ASN
(programme 181)

€ **85.5 M** IRSN budget devoted
to expert assessment
work on behalf of ASN

INFORMATIONS



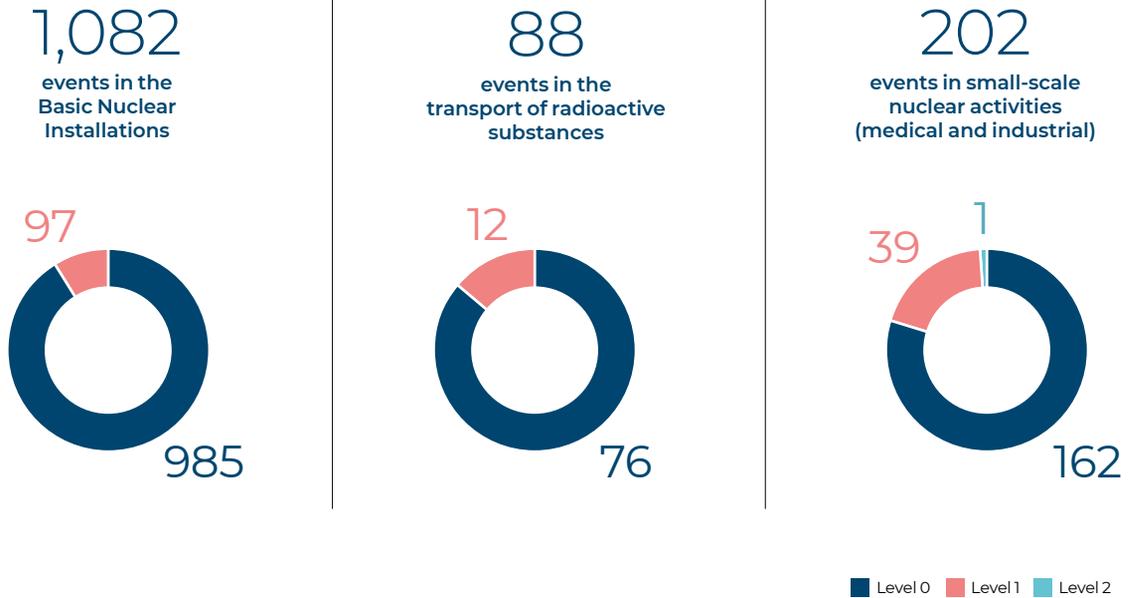
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replies to queries
from the public and
the stakeholders

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information
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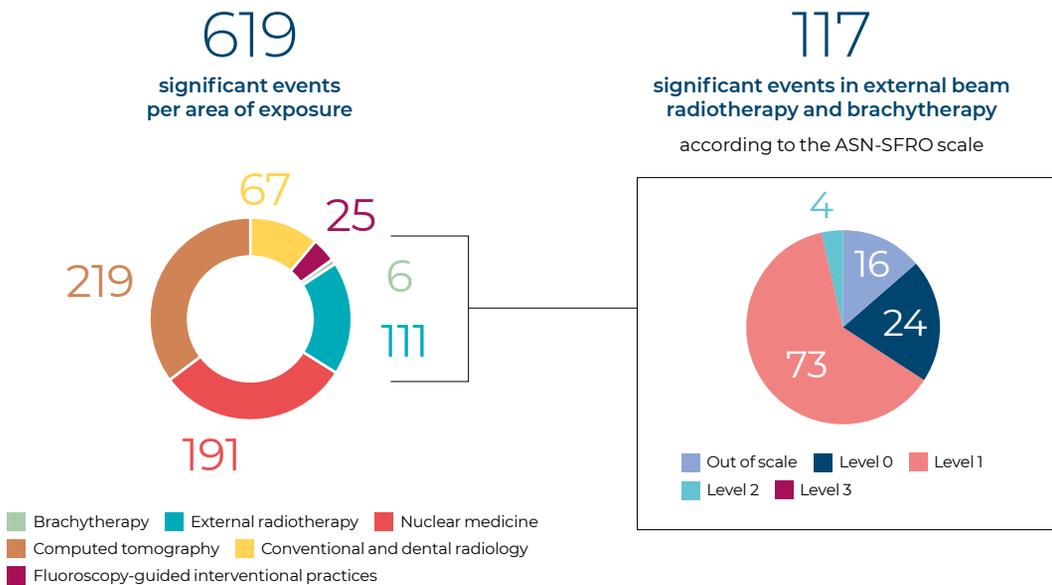
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conferences

KEY FIGURES 2022

NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS RATED ON THE INES SCALE^(*)



NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS IN THE MEDICAL FIELD^(*)



* The INES scale (International Nuclear and Radiological Event Scale) was developed by IAEA to explain to the public the importance of an event in terms of safety or radiation protection. This scale applies to events occurring in BNIs and events with potential or actual consequences for the radiation protection of the public and workers. It does not apply to events with an impact on the radiation protection of patients, and the criteria normally used to rate events (notably the dose received) are not applicable in this case.

As it was pertinent to be able to inform the public of radiotherapy events, ASN – in close collaboration with the French Society for Radiotherapy and Oncology – developed a scale specific to radiotherapy events (ASN-SFRO scale).

These two scales cover a relatively wide range of radiation protection events, with the exception of imaging events.

ORGANISATION CHART^(*)

COMMISSION



HEAD OF PRIVATE OFFICE
Sylvie RODDE



GENERAL DIRECTORATE



MANAGEMENT AND EXPERTISE OFFICE
Adeline CLOS

REGULATION AND OVERSIGHT SUPPORT MISSION
Julien HUSSE

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NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS
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WASTE, RESEARCH, FACILITIES AND FUEL CYCLE
Cédric MESSIER

TRANSPORT AND SOURCES
Fabien FÉRON

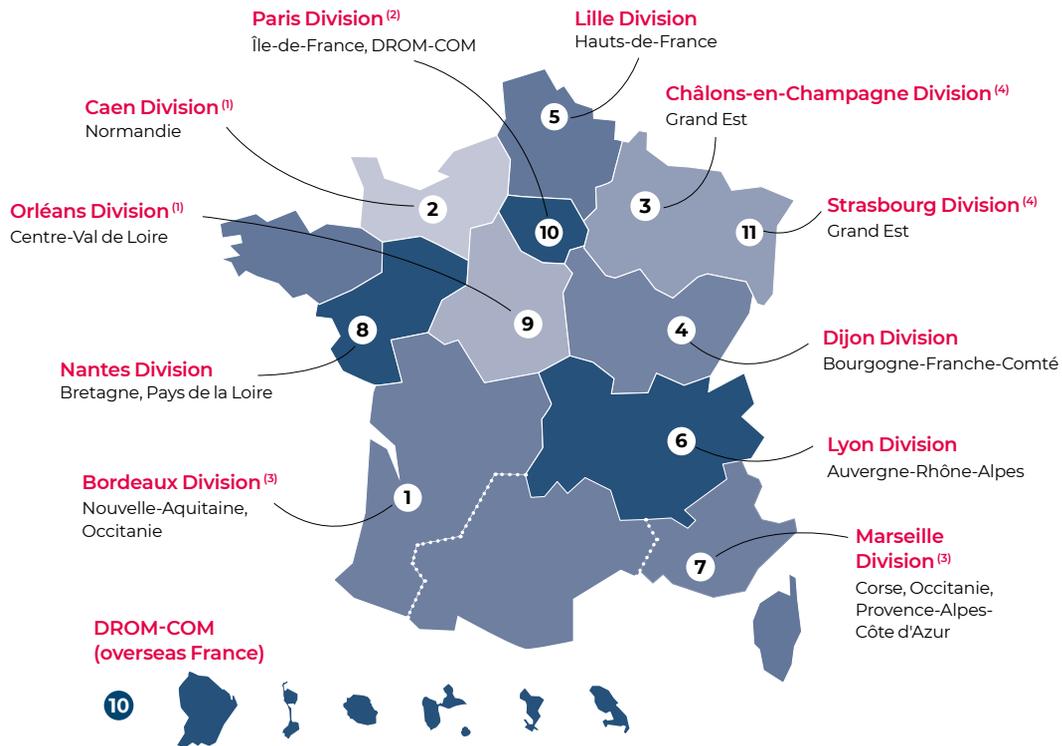
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Carole ROUSSE

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Olivier RIVIÈRE

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
Luc CHANIAL

LEGAL AFFAIRS
Olivia LAHAYE

INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND DIGITAL USAGES
Clémence PICART



- (1) For BNI oversight only, the Caen and Orléans divisions hold responsibility for the Bretagne and Île-de-France regions respectively.
- (2) The Paris division is responsible for Martinique, Guadeloupe, Guyane, Mayotte, La Réunion, Saint-Pierre-et-Miquelon.
- (3) The Bordeaux and Marseille divisions jointly regulate nuclear safety, radiation protection and the transport of radioactive substances in the Occitanie region.
- (4) The Châlons-en-Champagne and Strasbourg divisions jointly regulate nuclear safety, radiation protection and the transport of radioactive substances in the Grand Est region.

REGIONAL DIVISIONS

1
BORDEAUX
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Alice-Anne MÉDARD
REGIONAL HEAD
Simon GARNIER

4
DIJON
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Jean-Pierre LESTOILLE
REGIONAL HEAD
Marc CHAMPION

7
MARSEILLE
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Sébastien FOREST
REGIONAL HEAD
Bastien LAURAS

10
PARIS
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Emmanuelle GAY
REGIONAL HEAD
Agathe BALTZER

2
CAEN
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Olivier MORZELLE
REGIONAL HEAD
Gaëtan LAFFORGUE

5
LILLE
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Julien LABIT
REGIONAL HEAD
Rémy ZMYSLONY

8
NANTES
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Anne BEAUVAL
REGIONAL HEAD
Émilie JAMBU

3
CHÂLONS-EN-CHAMPAGNE
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Hervé VANLAER
REGIONAL HEAD
Mathieu RIQUART

6
LYON
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Jean-Philippe DENEUVY
REGIONAL HEAD
Nour KHATER

9
ORLÉANS
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Hervé BRÛLÉ
REGIONAL HEAD
Arthur NEVEU

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STRASBOURG
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE
Hervé VANLAER
REGIONAL HEAD
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* As at 1 March 2023.

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