

The Complementary Safety Assessments: Meeting of the Advisory Committees of Experts on 8, 9 and 10 November 2011

ASN submitted the reports produced by the nuclear installation licensees in response to its decision of 5 May 2011 to the Advisory Committees of Experts for Nuclear Reactors (GPR) and for Laboratories and Plants (GPU) for them to review and give their opinions on these reports.

The complementary safety assessments (CSA) conducted in 2011 concern the nuclear power reactors, including the EPR reactor of Flamanville 3. They also apply to other nuclear installations (research reactors, plants, etc.) considered as priority cases because of the potential risk they represent. Four licensees are involved: EDF, AREVA, the CEA and the Laue Langevin Institute.

On 6 July 2011, the GPR and GPU reviewed the memoranda describing the methodologies the licensees intended using to meet ASN's specifications, and gave an initial opinion. ASN informed the licensees of its position regarding their methodological memoranda in July.

On 8, 9, and 10 November 2011, the GPR and GPU reviewed the reports submitted by the nuclear installation licensees on 15 September 2011.

All this work was carried out on the basis of an IRSN report.



These Advisory Committees meetings mobilized all the players to an exceptional extent:

- the IRSN report was produced and handed over in a short time schedule;
- participation at the meetings of 6 July and 8, 9, 10 November was very high, with some 180 people present each day, including:
 - 54 members of the "reactors" and "plants" Advisory Committees of Experts;
 - 2 commissioners from the ASN Commission and other ASN representatives;
 - representatives from the IRSN;
 - representatives from the 4 licensees (AREVA, CEA, EDF, ILL);
 - representatives from the DSND (Delegation of nuclear safety and radiation protection for activities and installations relating to defence) and from the DGEC (General Directorate in charge of Energy and Climate issues);
 - 3 representatives from the HCTISN (High Committee for Transparency and Information on Nuclear Safety), including the Chairman, and 8 foreign experts (1 Belgian, 2 from Luxembourg, 1 Swiss, 3 German and 1 Dutch, invited by ASN).
- these Advisory Committees sessions were preceded by some twenty preparatory technical meetings held over a period of 6 weeks.

The Advisory Committees of Experts submitted their opinions to ASN. These opinions were dated 10 November 2011.

