

IRRS Good Practices

Responsibilities and Functions of the Regulatory Body (Module 3)

Stability and consistency of regulatory control

Saudi Arabia – Initial Mission

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Good Practice

The establishment of a certified Business Continuity Management System by the Nuclear Radiation Regulatory Commission of Saudi Arabia (NRRC) for maintaining the regulatory oversight of facilities and activities continuity of its critical regulatory functions in any disruptive or emergency situation.

Observation

NRRC has established a comprehensive Business Continuity and Resilience Plan to ensure the continuity of its critical regulatory functions in any disruptive or emergency situation that may affect its operations, staff, facilities, partners, and stakeholders.

Basis

BASIS: GSR Part 1 Requirement 22 Para 4.26 states that “The regulatory process shall be a formal process that is based on specified policies, principles and associated criteria, and that follows specified procedures as established in the management system. The process shall ensure the stability and consistency of regulatory control...”

IAEA Comments/Highlights

NRRC recognized that business continuity is essential for maintaining its reputation, credibility, and public trust as the national nuclear and radiological regulatory authority in The Kingdom. NRRC has identified a commendable practice by establishing and maintaining a Business Continuity and Resilience Plan that ensures the continuity of its critical regulatory functions in any disruption or emergency that may affect its operations, staff, facilities, partners, and stakeholders. By adopting the Business Continuity Management System, NRRC has demonstrated its resilience and compliance with the ISO 22301 standard, which is the recognized international standard for business continuity management.