

SAFEGUARDS IN AUSTRIA

The first IAEA routine safeguards inspection of the ASTRA reactor at the Austrian research centre at Seibersdorf, near Vienna, was carried out on 2 March 1966. ASTRA is an adapted swimming pool/tank type research reactor using 90 per cent enriched uranium fuel, and having a maximum capacity of about 5 MW(t). It was supplied from the USA under a bilateral agreement, in respect of which safeguarding responsibility has been transferred to the Agency. The inspection was made by O. Lendvai of Hungary (seated) and B. Sharpe of the United Kingdom (3rd from left). There are in Austria three research reactors under Agency safeguards, the others being respectively in Vienna and Graz.

