

IAEA International Conference on Topical Issues in Nuclear Installation Safety: Ensuring Safety for Sustainable Nuclear Development, November 17-21, 2008, Mumbai

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An International Conference on Topical Issues in Nuclear Installation Safety: Ensuring Safety for Sustainable Nuclear Development during November 17-21, 2008, Mumbai was organized by AERB. The objective of the conference was to foster the exchange of information on topical issues in nuclear safety, especially on issues that ensure safety for sustainable nuclear development. The target audience for the conference was a broad range of experts in the area of nuclear safety, including professionals from the different disciplines involved in the safety of nuclear power plants, installations in other parts of the fuel cycle and research reactors and experts from regulatory bodies as well as senior policy makers. A total of 93 delegates from 37 countries and about 200 delegates from India participated in the conference. The topics covered in conference were International Harmonization of Nuclear Safety, Safety Infrastructure of Nuclear Programmes, Safety management and New Construction Experience Feedback, Relationship between Safety and Security. President of the conference was Mr. A.-C. Lacoste, Chairman, ASN (French Nuclear Regulatory Body). The conference was inaugurated by Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, AEC and Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy.



Dr. Anil Kakodkar, Chairman, AEC inaugurating the IAEA Conference

From left: S.K. Sharma, Chairman, AERB, A.C. Lacoste, Chairman, ASN, T. Taniguchi, Dy. Dir. General and Head of Department of Nuclear Safety and Security, IAEA, M. Shanawany, Head Safety Assessment Section, IAEA, Om Pal Singh, Secretary, AERB, A. Kakodkar, Chairman, AEC



Press Briefing during the Conference

From left: S.K. Sharma, Chairman, AERB, T. Taniguchi, Dy. Dir. General and Head of Department of Nuclear Safety and Security, IAEA, A. Kakodkar, Chairman, AEC, A.C. Lacoste, Chairman, ASN, and S.K. Jain, CMD, NPCIL

The Chief of Regulatory Bodies of several countries including USA, Finland, South Africa, UK attended the conference. Participants from IAEA and other International Organizations such as World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OCED) / Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA), Institut de Radioprotection et de Sureté Nucléaire (IRSN) / France attended the conference. The Conference provided them the opportunity to share experiences and expectations related to nuclear safety, as well as the challenges for sustainable and safe nuclear power development. Participants also exchanged the lessons learned and operational experience from current nuclear power programmes, along with discussion of experiences with new nuclear power plant construction. Other important subjects such as opportunities for the nuclear industry and protection of nuclear installations against malevolent acts were also discussed during the conference. The conference provided important recommendations on key issues related to nuclear installation safety.