

Theme Meeting on Safety Culture held at Niyamak Bhavan -A, Mumbai on January 23, 2015

Safety Culture or the way safety is perceived, valued and prioritized in an organization has wide ranging effects on reliability, competitiveness and even employees morale. Poor safety culture has contributed towards major incidents and personal losses in the past. Safety culture is not merely limited to avoiding or reducing number of accidents, but it is to do the right thing at the right time in response to each and every situation confronted by people. For a nuclear regulatory body, safety culture is the organizations values and behaviours - modelled by its leaders and internalized by its members-that serve to make nuclear safety the overriding priority. Experience across the international nuclear industry and in other technical fields has demonstrated the importance of an effective safety culture in maintaining the safety of workers, the public and the environment. Both regulators and the nuclear industry recognize the need to develop a strong safety culture in order to support successful and sustainable nuclear safety performance.

Keeping in view the importance of safety culture and to have insight on various aspects including the role of regulators in assessing safety culture of both utility and regulatory organization and to identify the scope for further improvement in its effectiveness and efficiency, a 'Theme meeting on Safety Culture' was organized in AERB on January 23, 2015. The meeting was also aimed to promote safety culture in organization and to embroil individuals with the processes/assessment methodologies related to safety culture assessment. During this meet, lectures on the topics encompassing history and experience with safety culture & its impact in organizational performance, regulators role in assessing safety culture of utilities and case study on the methodology developed in-house for assessing safety culture were delivered.