Organisational Structure of the NEA

The Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) is a semi-autonomous body of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. OECD member countries wishing to participate in the activities of the Agency must make a formal request to join. Of the 30 OECD member countries, 28 are members of the NEA:

Australia	France	Japan	Slovak Republic
Austria	Germany	Luxembourg	Spain
Belgium	Greece	Mexico	Sweden
Canada	Hungary	Netherlands	Switzerland
Czech Republic	Iceland	Norway	Turkey
Denmark	Ireland	Portugal	United Kingdom
Finland	Italy	Republic of Korea	United States

The NEA is governed by the **Steering Committee for Nuclear Energy.** This committee is primarily made up of senior officials from national atomic energy authorities and associated ministries. It oversees and shapes the work of the Agency to ensure its responsiveness to member countries' needs, notably in establishing the biennial programmes of work and budgets. It approves the mandates of the seven standing technical committees.

The members of the Bureau of the Steering Committee for Nuclear Energy are (as at its autumn 2009 meeting):

- Mr. Richard STRATFORD (United States), Chair
- Dr. Kjell BENDIKSEN (Norway), Vice-Chair
- Mr. Frédéric MONDOLONI (France), Vice-Chair
- Dr. József RÓNAKY (Hungary), Vice-Chair
- Mr. Takayuki SHIRAO (Japan), Vice-Chair

The standing technical committees are primarily composed of member country experts and technical specialists. These committees constitute a unique feature and important strength of the NEA, providing flexibility for adapting to new issues and helping to achieve consensus rapidly. Their main areas of work are listed in the chart on the next page.

The Steering Committee for Nuclear Energy and the Agency's seven standing technical committees are serviced by **the NEA Secretariat**, composed in 2009 of 71 professional and support staff from 16 countries. Professional staff are often specialists from national administrations and research institutes, bringing their experience to the Agency for two to five years on average.

Participation in the work of the Agency by **non-member countries** is an established practice. The Russian Federation holds regular observer status in all the Agency's standing technical committees and their working groups. Poland and Slovenia participate as regular observers in several standing technical committees. Experts from selected other countries, including China and India, take part in NEA activities on a more ad hoc basis.



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NEA Committee Structure in 2009

Steering Committee for Nuclear Energy

Committee on the Safety of Nuclear Installations

CSNI

CSNI Programme Review Group (PRG)

Working Group on Risk Assessment (WGRISK)

Working Group on Analysis and Management of Accidents (WGAMA)

Working Group on Integrity of Components and Structures (IAGE)

Working Group on Human and Organisational Factors (WGHOF)

Working Group on Fuel Safety (WGFS)

Working Group on Fuel Cycle Safety (WGFCS) Committee on Nuclear Regulatory Activities

CNRA

Working Group on Inspection Practices (WGIP)

Working Group on Public Communication of Nuclear Regulatory Organisations (WGPC)

Working Group on Operating Experience (WGOE)

Working Group on the Regulation of New Reactors (WGRNR) Radioactive Waste Management Committee

RWMC

RWMC Regulators' Forum (RWMC-RF)

Integration Group for the Safety Case of Radioactive Waste Repositories (IGSC)

> Forum on Stakeholder Confidence (FSC)

Working Party on Decommissioning and Dismantling (WPDD) Committee on Radiation Protection and Public Health

CRPPH

Expert Group on the Implications of ICRP Recommendations (EGIR)

Expert Group on Occupational Exposure (EGOE)

Expert Group on Best Available Techniques (EGBAT)

Expert Group on Stakeholder Involvement and Organisational Structures (EGSIOS)

Working Party on Nuclear Emergency Matters (WPNEM) Nuclear
Science - G
Committee

NSC

Expert Group on Integral Experiments for Minor Actinide Management

Working Party on International Nuclear Data Evaluation Co-operation (WPEC)

Working Party on Scientific Issues of Reactor Systems (WPRS)

Working Party on Nuclear Criticality Safety (WPNCS)

Working Party on Scientific Issues of the Fuel Cycle (WPFC)

Working Party on Multi-scale Modelling of Fuels and Structural Materials for Nuclear Systems (WPMM) Executive
Group of the

Management Committee)

The Scientific Co-ordination Group of the Joint Evaluated Fission and Fusion (JEFF) Data Project Committee for Technical and Economic Studies on

Studies on Nuclear Energy Development and the Fuel

NDC

Cycle

Ad hoc Expert Group on Trends in the Nuclear Fuel Cycle

Ad hoc Expert Group on Education, Training and Knowledge Management

Ad hoc Expert Group on Climate Change and Nuclear Energy Build Rates

Ad hoc Expert Group on the Financing of Nuclear Power Plants (FNPP)

Joint NEA/IAEA Group on Uranium

Working Party on Nuclear Energy Economics (WPNE)

Joint NEA/IEA
Ad hoc Expert
Group on
Electricity
Generating
Costs

Nuclear Law Committee

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NEA Secretariat Structure in 2009



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