

# The Information System on Occupational Exposure and the ISOE Occupational Exposure Database

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## ISOE Context

*“... the exchange and analysis of information on individual and collective radiation doses to the personnel of nuclear installations and to the employees of contractors, as well as on dose-reduction techniques, is essential to implement effective dose-control programmes and to apply the ALARA principle...”*

*(ISOE Terms and Conditions, 2008-2011)*

## ISOE Background and Objective

- Created in 1992 by OECD/NEA as a forum for RP experts from **utilities** and **regulatory authorities** world-wide to share **amongst participants** dose reduction information & coordinate projects to **improve** optimisation of worker radiological protection at NPPs
  - Promoted and sponsored by NEA and IAEA
  - Current ISOE Terms and Conditions : 2008-2011

### ISOE Official Participants under ISOE Terms and Conditions (Oct 2009)

60 Participating Utilities in 26 countries	277 operating units; 36 shutdown units	Participating Regulators of 22 countries
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- IAEA supports participation of 11 non-OECD countries

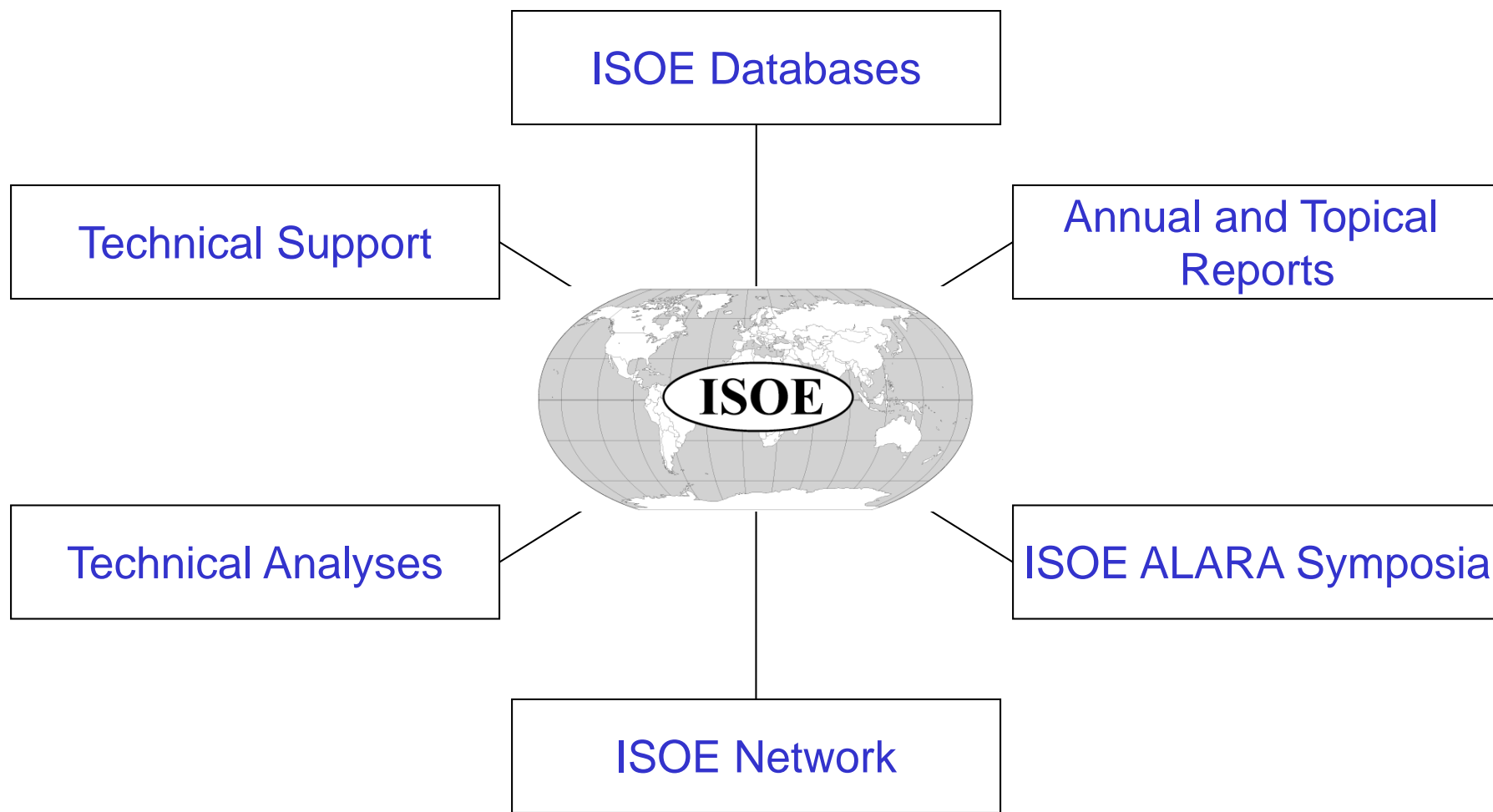


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# ISOE Programme

- ISOE facilitates occupational exposure management at NPPs through the operation of a system for exchanging, storing, and analysing operational information and experience on optimising occupational radiological protection in response to user needs:
  - World's largest occupational exposure database for commercial NPPs
  - An information exchange programme for sharing dose reduction information and experience
  - Four ISOE technical centres support local members (Asia, Europe, North America, IAEA)

## ISOE Products



ISOE products support dose trend analyses, benchmarking, technique comparisons;  
application of ALARA and good work management in local RP programmes

# ISOE Database

*World's largest database on occupational exposure at commercial NPPs*

## ISOEDAT occupational exposure database

471 reactor units

395 operating units;  
76 shutdown units

Database covers of ~ 91% of total power reactors (439) in commercial operation

- Includes data for participants & some non-participants (UK, US)
- Covers period from 1957-present
  - Source of earlier data: EC ORP programme, ISOE participants
- Data Input: Annual collection of **operational dose data from Participating Utilities** at the site, unit, job and task level
  - Collected using ISOE Questionnaire: i) local, ii) **on-line (2010)**

# What is in the ISOEDAT Database?

- **ISOE 1:** Dosimetric information from commercial NPPs in operation, shut down or in some stage of decommissioning, including:
  - annual collective dose for normal operation
  - maintenance/refuelling outage
  - unplanned outage periods
  - annual collective dose for certain tasks and worker categories
- **ISOE 2:** Plant-specific information relevant to dose reduction, such as materials, water chemistry, start-up/shutdown procedures, cobalt reduction programme, etc.
- **ISOE 3:** Radiation protection related information for specific operations, jobs, procedures, equipment or tasks (radiological lessons learned):
  - effective dose reduction
  - effective decontamination
  - implementation of work management principles

# Who Can Access the Database?

- **ISOE Participants** can access the DB on-line (ISOE website) and on CD-ROM (Microsoft ACCESS)
  - Web version is routinely updated
  - CD-ROM is distributed annually after all data received
  - A set of pre-defined data queries facilitates trend analysis, benchmarking between plants, sister units, etc.
- **Participating Utilities:**
  - Full access to global database (ISOE 1, 2, 3)
- **Participating Authorities:**
  - Full access to ISOE 1 data from national licensees
  - Limited access to ISOE 1 data from other countries
    - General information, annual dose statistics, information about external and internal dose



## Database Analyses and Benchmarking

- The extensive data in ISOEDAT provides a solid basis for analyses on issues in operational RP such as dose trends, doses related to certain jobs and tasks, identification of good performance, etc
- Several ways to use the database:
  - a) MADRAS analysis package : Main trends in occupational exposure
  - b) Direct access to ISOE 1 questionnaires, including contact information and complementary data
  - c) For more complex analyses: Direct access to DB, requests to the technical centres, RP forum, ...

# MADRAS Data Analysis Package

- A set of pre-defined data queries to facilitate analysis of main trends in occupational exposure, benchmarking between plants, sister units, etc.
  - Benchmarking at unit level
  - Annual average collective dose per reactor
  - Annual total collective dose
  - Annual collective dose per TWh
  - Contribution of outside personnel and outages to total collective dose
  - Evolution of the number of reactor units
  - 3-yr rolling average collective dose per reactor
  - Miscellaneous queries
  - *New for 2010!* A set of new queries to improve outage benchmarking

# Using ISOEDAT as a Benchmarking Tool

- Analyses at **country or regional level**:

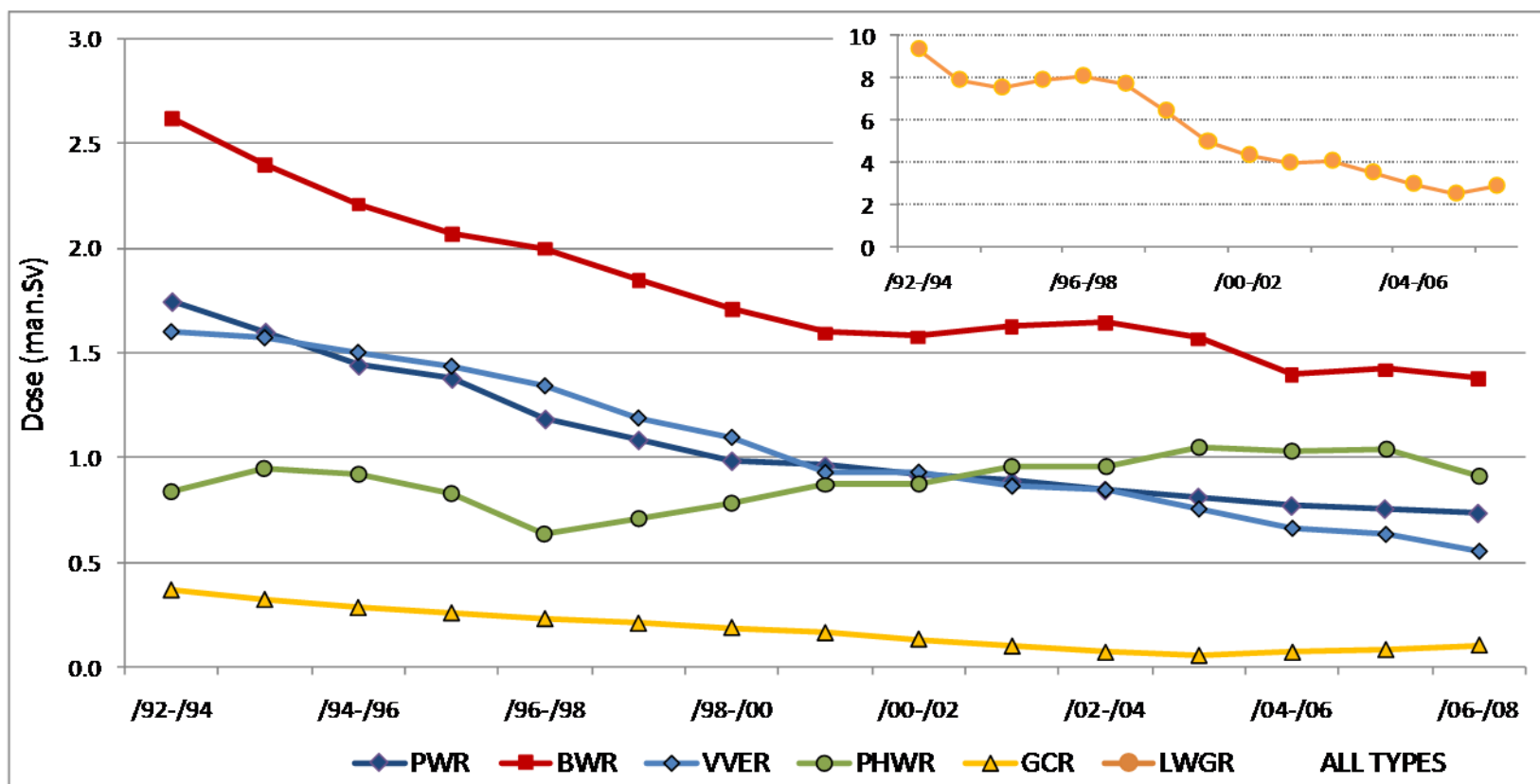
*Trends in Annual average collective dose per reactor /  
Annual total collective dose*

- Between countries or regions: by country/region for a given reactor type, or all reactors, including 3-yr rolling average
  - Within a country: Specific unit against another unit or by type of reactor
- Analyses at **utility level**: benchmarking of reactors within a utility
    - Specific unit against another unit
    - Specific unit against its sister group / reactor type
  - Analyses at **unit level**
    - Specific unit against another unit / sister group / reactor type
    - Benchmarking at the job and task level

## Example 1

# Global dose trends by reactor type

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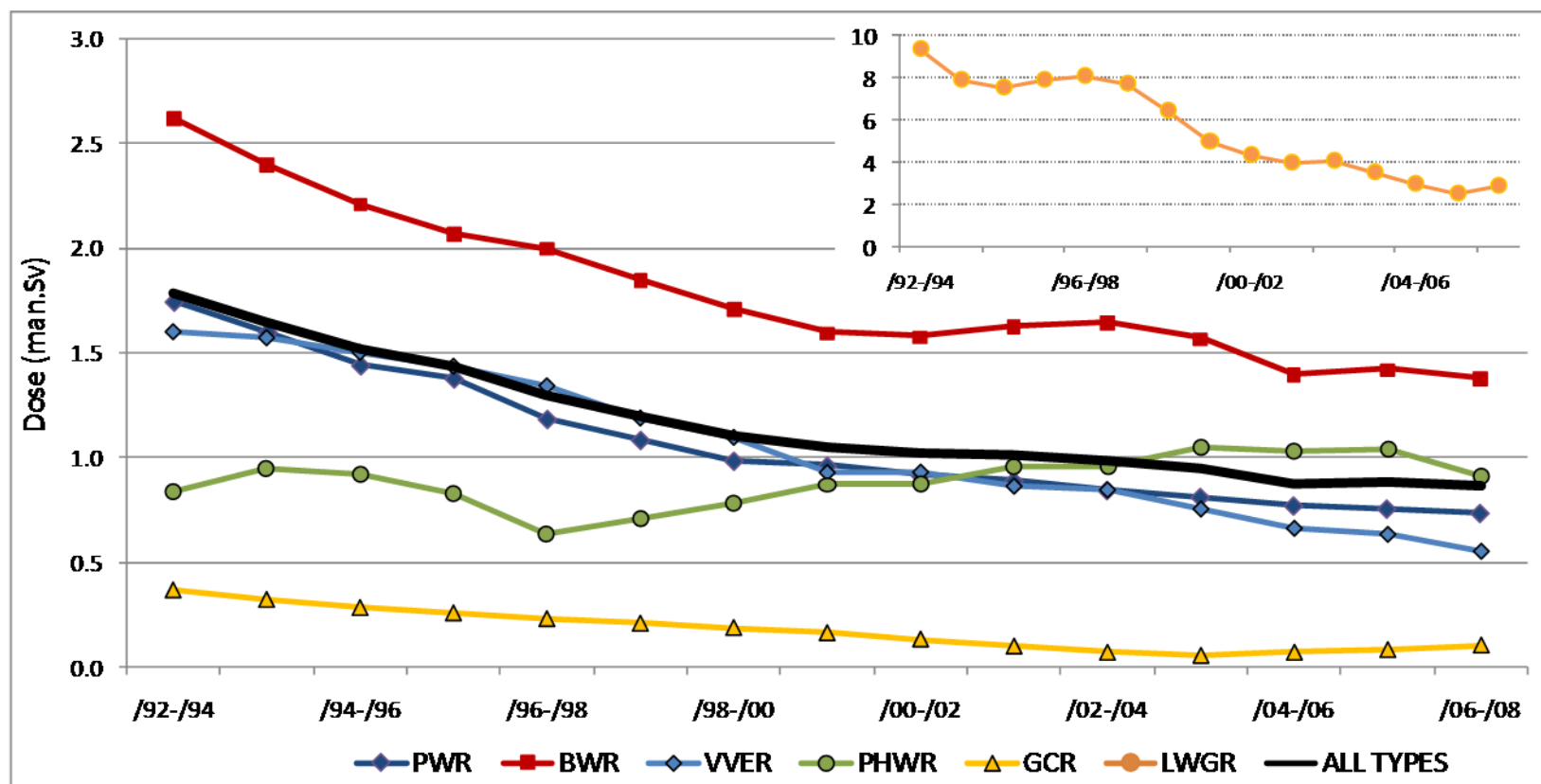


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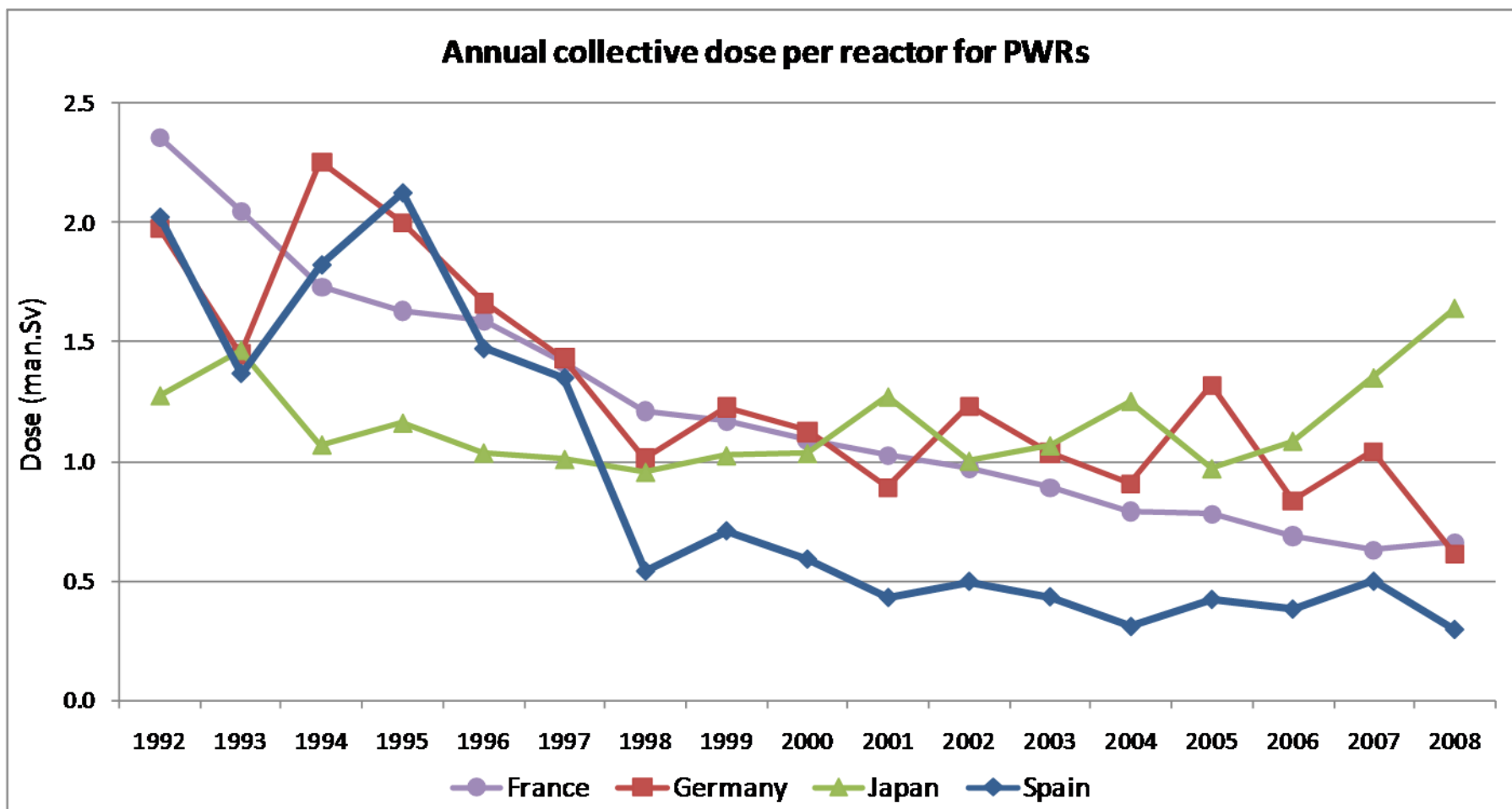
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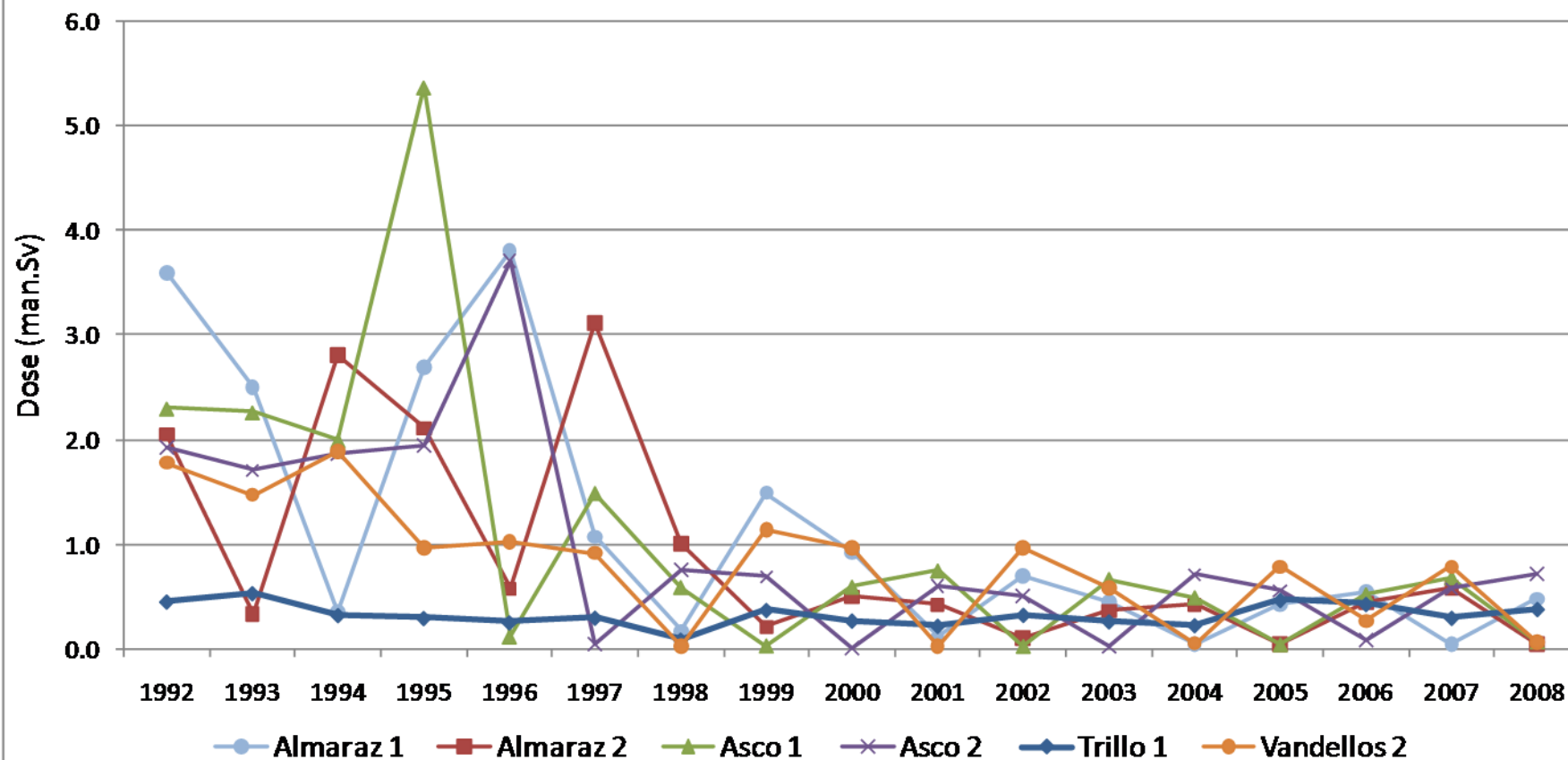
# Country dose trends by reactor type (PWRs)



## Example 3

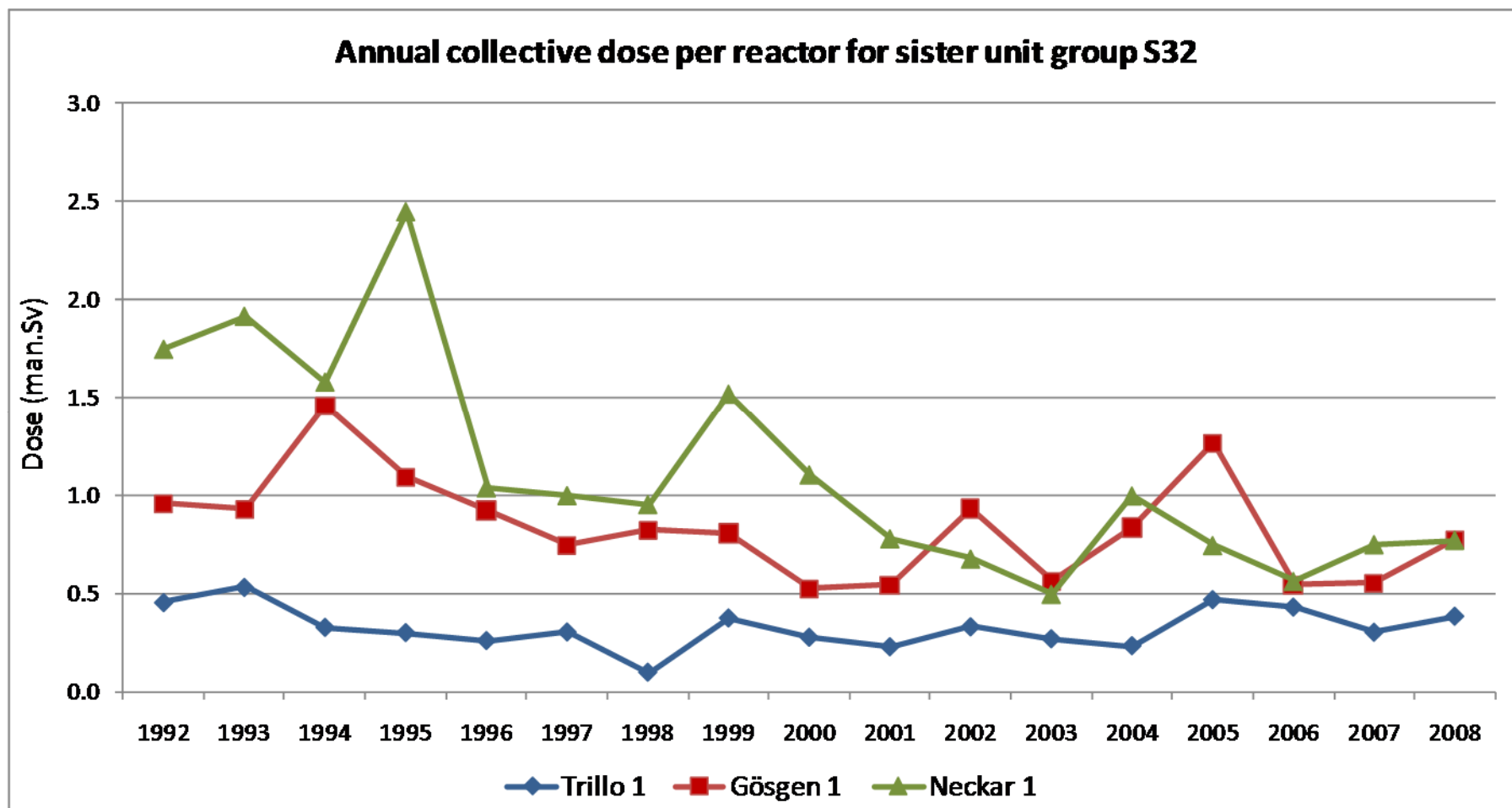
### Dose trends for 1 country by reactor type (Spain-PWRs)

**Annual collective dose per reactor for Spanish PWRs**



## Example 4

### Dose trends for 1 sister unit group (S32)

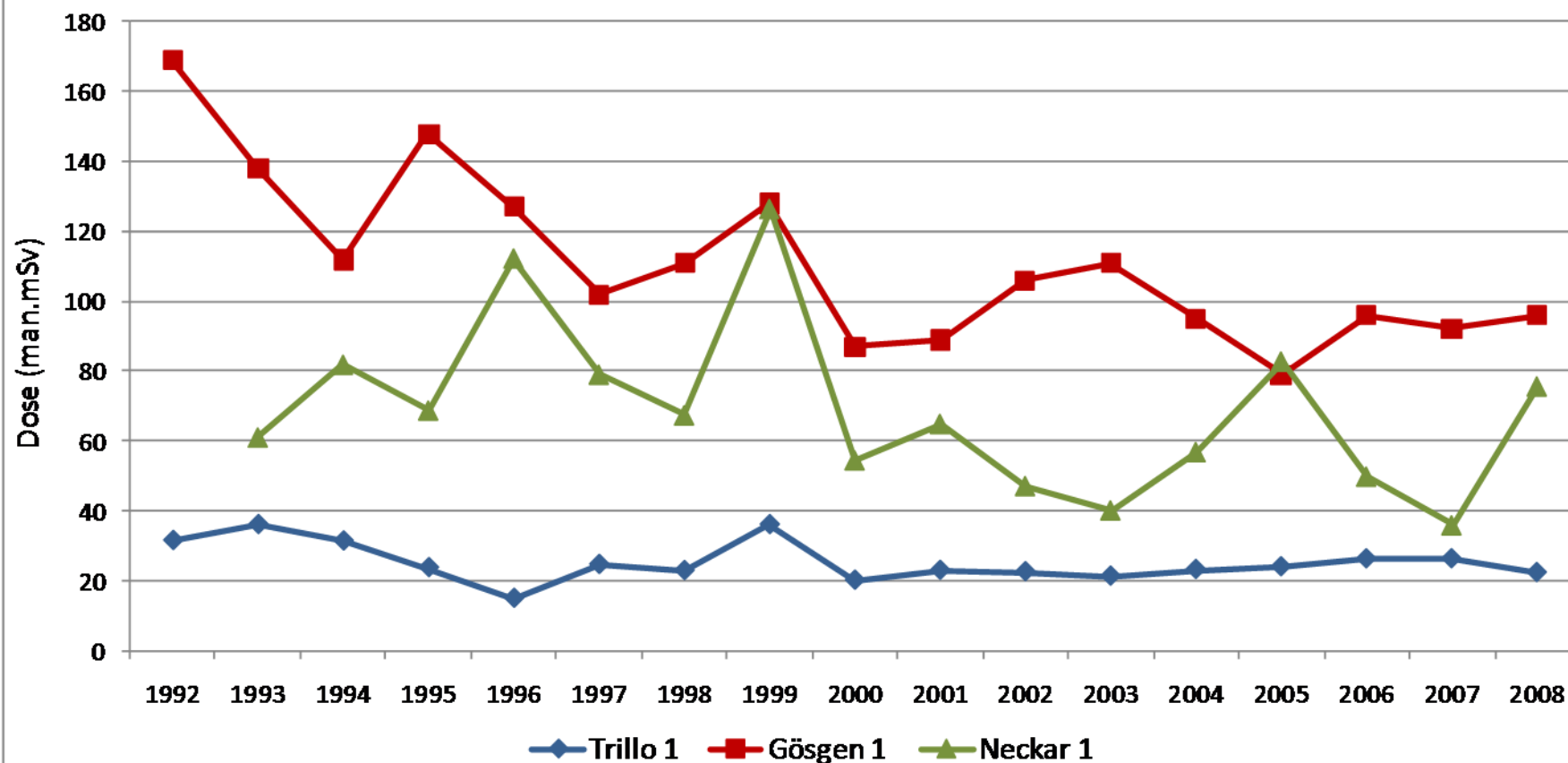




## Example 5

### Dose trends for sister group and job (S32-refueling)

**Collective dose for sister unit group S32 and job Refueling**



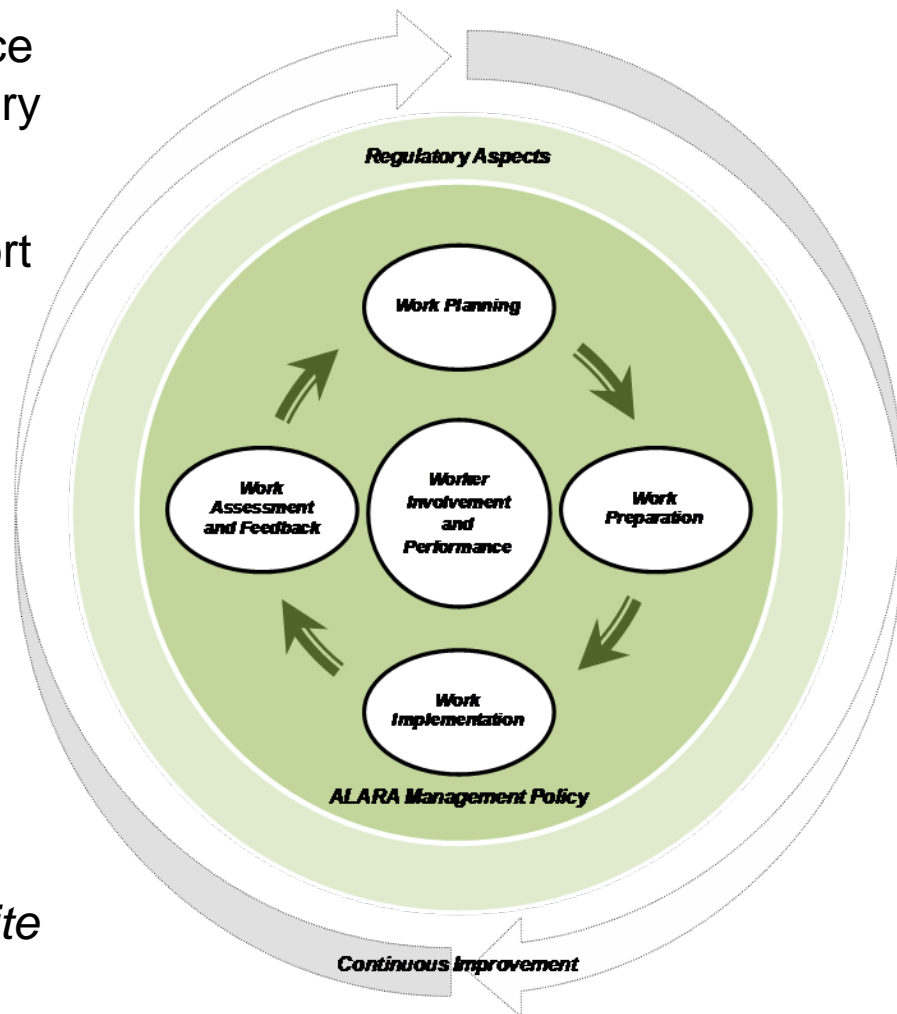
## Identifying and Sharing Good Performance/Experience

- A *starting* point, not an end point: The ISOE database helps users benchmark doses and identify possible improvements
  - Look into full database for additional information
- Users can then *exchange* information with other identified plants to share lessons and experience.
- ISOE facilitates this through several **communication channels**:
  - Contact information in the database for each plant
  - RP Forum on the ISOE Network website
  - Requests to the technical centers on issues in operational RP
  - ISOE ALARA Symposium
  - Voluntary site benchmark visits for exchange of good RP practice, dose reduction information among Participants

# Identifying and Sharing Good Performance/Experience:

## *Work Management to Optimise Occupational Radiological Protection in Nuclear Power Plants*

- *Work management* stresses the importance of approaching jobs from a multi-disciplinary view and of following work completely
- Since publication of the 1<sup>st</sup> ISOE WM report (1997), this approach has been broadly implemented and proven effective in reducing worker doses, operational costs
- Continued efforts are needed to maintain good outcomes in the face of challenges
- The new ISOE report (2009) presents the key WM aspects to be considered by NPP management and workers to save time, dose and money, with practical examples
- **Download it** from the *ISOE Network website*



# ISOE Network website (www.isoe-network.net)

## *Web-based ALARA resource for ISOE members*

- Web portal for practical ALARA resources for **ISOE Participants**:
  - ISOE database: Data entry, analysis
  - ISOE products, resources: Annual reports, info sheets, work management report, ISOE News, etc
  - Symposium Proceedings
  - RP Contacts
  - RP forum
  - List of events, etc
- A global approach to ALARA management



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(brian.ahier@oecd.org)

**... More resources and content *only after login!***



# ISOEDAT *on-line*

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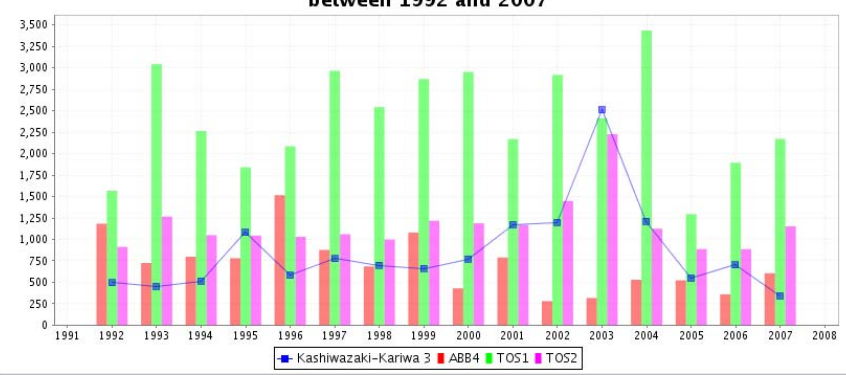
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Annual collective dose benchmarking -> 1 unit vs. its sister unit group and up to 2 other sister unit groups

First year to take into account: 1992  
Last year to take into account: 2007  
Plant unit: Kashiwazaki-Kariwa 3  
and its sister unit group: TOS2 - Generation 2 from Toshiba - Hitachi  
versus  
Second sister unit group: TOS1 - Generation 1 from Toshiba - Hitachi  
Third sister unit group: ABB4 - Generation 4 from ABB Atom

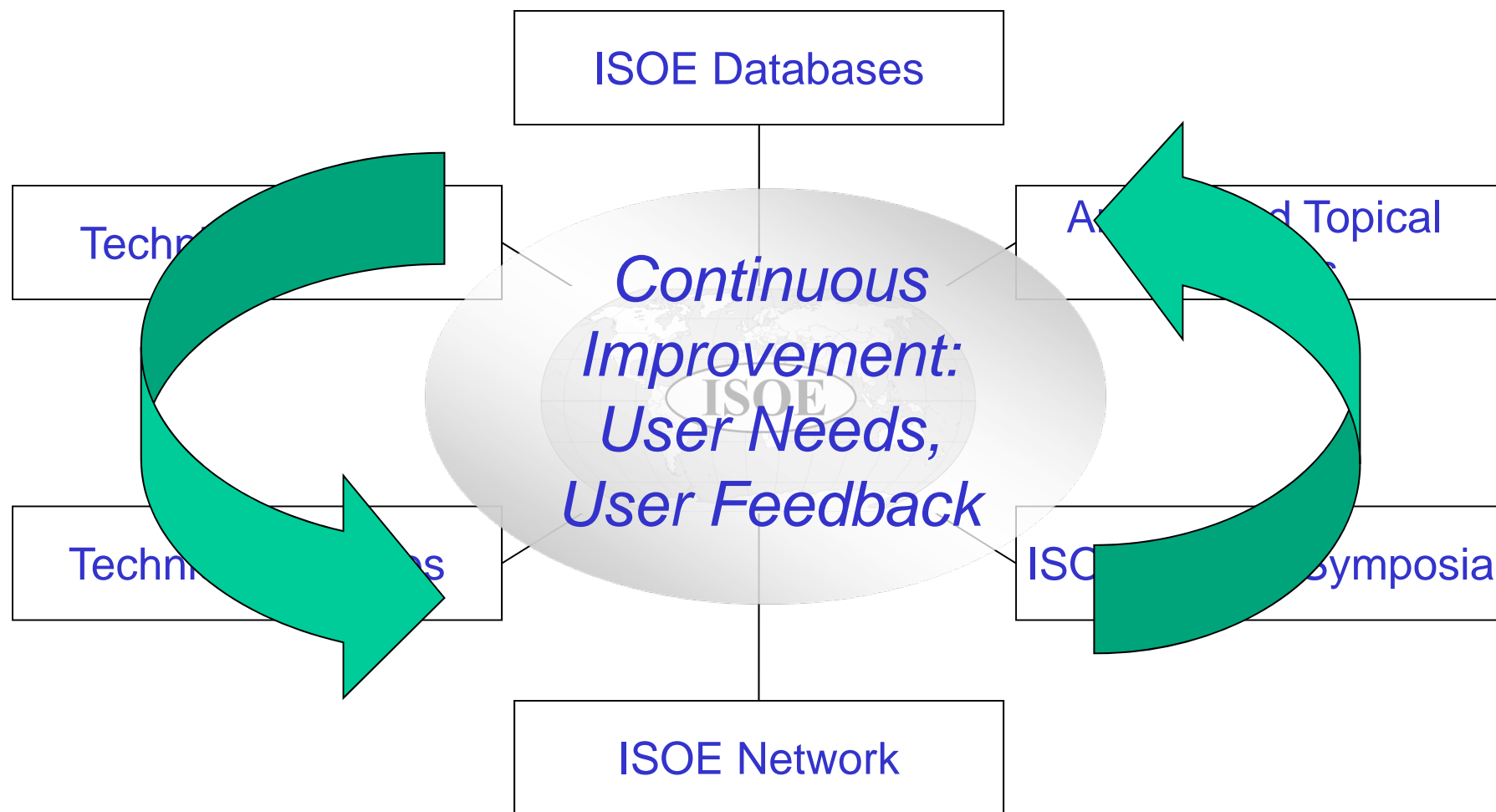
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**Annual collective dose benchmarking (in man.mSv) for Kashiwazaki-Kariwa 3 between 1992 and 2007**



Legend: Kashiwazaki-Kariwa 3 (blue line), ABB4 (red bars), TOS1 (pink bars), TOS2 (green bars)

# ISOE Products: Meeting User Needs

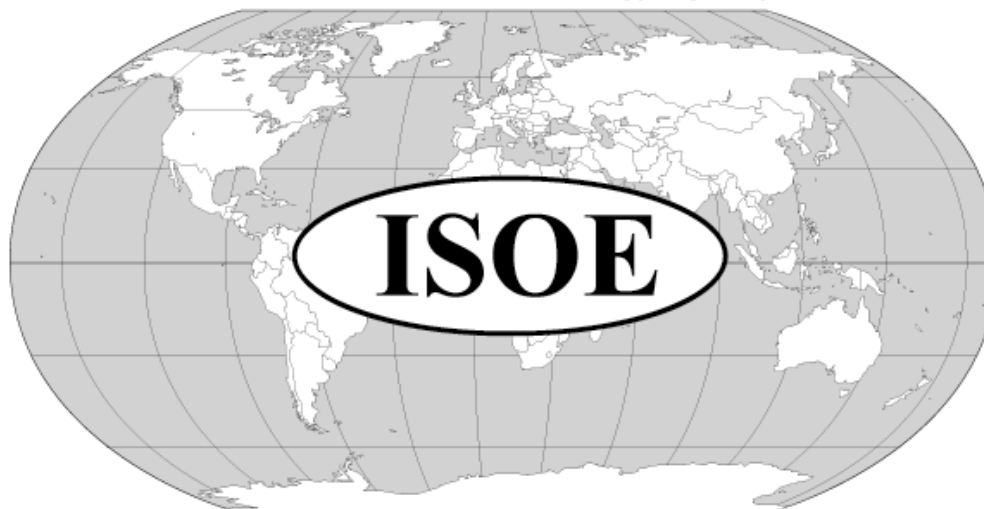




## Conclusion

- **Value:** an important combination of global occupational dose data, dose reduction experience and information exchange among participating utilities, authorities to facilitate practical optimisation of worker radiological protection
- **Success:** ISOE has proved successful in helping radiation protection experts to better manage occupational exposures at nuclear power plants
- **Future:** ISOE will continue to facilitate the sharing of experience, and the building of linkages between ISOE members worldwide to develop a global approach to ALARA work management

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