

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the NATC Technical Program Committee, I am pleased to invite you or a designated individual from your site to attend the 2018 North American ISOE ALARA Symposium to be held January 8 - 10, 2018 at the Westin Beach Resort, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

The objective of the 2018 ISOE ALARA Symposium is for radiation protection professionals to exchange dose reduction practices and lessons learned globally to assure safe and efficient operation of the operating power reactors.

The symposium will feature technical papers and exhibits on the latest approaches in work management, dose control, remote monitoring and dose measurement. Each participant will receive important BWR, CANDU, PWR, and VVER benchmarking data from previous years' occupational dose performance. The symposium is held early in the calendar year at the suggestion of ISOE utility Radiation Protection Managers to assist individual plants in setting annual and refueling outage ALARA dose goals/targets. Good ideas on successful refueling and maintenance ALARA outage initiatives are also shared at the symposium.

The 2018 ISOE ALARA Symposium is sponsored by the North American Technical Center (NATC), Information System on Occupational Exposures (ISOE) and supported by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA - Vienna) and the OECD/Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA - Paris), NATC is one of four ISOE Technical Centers that include Paris, Vienna, and Tokyo.

The North American ALARA Center is located at the D. C. Cook Nuclear Power Plant, American Electric Power in Bridgman, Michigan, USA. NATC's occupational dose research section is located in the Department of Engineering, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illinois, USA. The Information System on Occupational Exposure was established in 1992 by the Nuclear Energy Agency (OECD/NEA) in Paris and since 1992, the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna has co-sponsored the ISOE program, Official participants in the ISOE program include 76 utilities in 29 countries (400 operating reactors, 80 shutdown reactors) and regulatory authorities in 22 countries. The ISOE database itself includes information on occupational exposure levels and trends at 400 operating reactors in 29 countries, covering about 90% of the world's operating commercial nuclear power plants.

Call For Papers

Technical paper topics are open to all radiation protection professional. Prospective authors are requested to submit a brief abstract. Accepted papers will be published and distributed at the 2018 symposium.

*Only Utility and Regulatory authors or co-authors will be considered by the Technical Program Committee for the ISOE Distinguished Paper Award for the 2018 ISOE ALARA Symposium.

Other Meetings (to be held at the same venue)

Thursday, January 11, 2018, we will host Regional RPM Meetings (Regional RPM Meetings are organized separately from the symposium and are free of charge for attendees).

Friday, January 12, 2018, we will hold the PEP Course (preliminary agenda attached)

Symposium registration can be done via: <https://my.engr.illinois.edu/alara-2018>

Hotel registration can be made via: <https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/ISOE2018>

If you have any questions, please contact David Miller (217-855-3238 dwmiller2@aep.com) or me, Amy Moeller (269-930-0753 almoeller88@gmail.com).

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