



MDEP Current Activities & Challenges in Vendor Inspection

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Background

- Approved by the MDEP policy group in March 2008
- Multinational regulatory membership
- Meet bi-annually but engage throughout year on a topic specific basis

Key Objectives

- Conduct joint, witnessed and multinational inspections
- Maximise results from regulator vendor inspections
- Share lessons learnt and regulatory experience, target areas of emerging risk
- Harmonise best practice approaches
- Facilitate adoption of good vendor oversight practice

Achievements

- Routinely cooperate on joint & witnessed inspections (over 70 examples since 2008)
- Common positions agreed on QA/QM & Vendor Inspection Good Practices
- Routinely share inspection reports and programme outcomes
- Multinational inspections
 - Valinox, 2014 (NRC-Lead, ASN, ONR)
 - Areva, Creusot Forge, 2016 (ASN-Lead, CNSC, NNSA, STUK, NRC, ONR)
High profile & positive example of benefits of regulatory cooperation

Challenges

- Enhanced vendor inspection cooperation
- Identify areas of emerging risk during vendor inspection
- Continue to support SDOs in harmonising standards
- Maximise the results and share lessons learnt
- Develop complimentary Interface with NEA's CNRA

VICWG members in the NRC offices, Rockville

