New Reactor Projects as Training Opportunities

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Training

Why

How to

- Trade staff
 - Reactor operation
 - Preventive and corrective maintenance
- Engineering support
 - Safety assessments
 - Core follow up
 - Support to experiments/applications
- Trainers

Why not

Training management system







Know-how Transfer

Knowledge required to:

- Plant modifications
 - Design techniques
 - Calculations
 - Modeling and prototyping
- Facility optimization
 - Management systems
 - Performance indicators
 - ALARA assessments
- Maintain and upgrade the Safety Analysis Report
- Ageing and obsolescence management





Industry Empowering

Development of skills for both, nuclear and nonnuclear applications such as:

- QA techniques
- Testing and qualification programs
- Special material procurement and handling
- Special welding techniques
- Special concrete types
- Clean room techniques
- Utilization of state of the art tools and instruments











Strategic Planning

- Extending the horizon beyond the reactor
- Areas of preparation
 - Infrastructure requirements
 - Fuel cycle front and back end
 - Waste management
 - Bidding process and contract management
 - Scheduling, planning, cash flow and cost control





Licensing Management

- Licensing strategies
 - Timing
 - Crucial issues identification



- Interfaces with federal/local authorities
- Preparation of Safety Analysis Report and related assessments
- Organization of supporting activities
 - Public hearing
 - Environmental screening





Academic System

- Preparation of the infrastructure
 - Syllabus and curricula
 - Lecturers, bibliography, hands-on and other
 - teaching activities
 - Laboratories
 - Nuclear physics
 - Radiochemistry
 - Thermohydraulic
 - Dosimetry







Users Development

- Improvements on reactor utilization
 - Low irradiation costs
 - Opportunity to install new equipment
 - Revenues
- Consolidation of research groups
- Screening of new R&D areas











INVAP Assets

- Experienced staff
 - Wide range of nuclear designs
 - Zero power to tens of megawatts
 - Open pool to pressurized circuits
 - Fuel rods to MTR plates
 - Radioisotope productions to NORM treatment plants
 - Construction and commission of facilities within schedule and budget both domestic and overseas
 - University lecturers
 - IAEA experts
- Receptive working groups accepting customer representatives



INVAP Assets

- Open and fair relationship with customers
- Successful training courses delivered
- Incorporation of modern training methods
 - Virtual reality
 - On-line training
 - Nuclear labs activities













