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**Nuclear criticality safety — Nuclear  
criticality safety training for  
operations**

*Sûreté-criticité — Formation à la sûreté-criticité dans le cadre de  
l'exploitation*



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## Foreword

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## Introduction

Experience of criticality accidents and evidence of operations history worldwide has indicated that human errors on different levels (management, operations staff, and/or operations supervisors), through lack of understanding or ignorance of nuclear criticality safety, have contributed to accidents.

In order to maintain nuclear criticality safety for facilities handling and processing fissile material it is necessary to ensure the operations staff, operations supervisors, and management are suitably trained in nuclear criticality safety. This document was developed in response to demand for a definition of the minimum nuclear criticality safety training requirements for operations staff, operations supervisors, and management.

This training is distinct from that of the training necessary for nuclear criticality safety staff in that it is tailored to suit the needs of maintaining nuclear criticality safety for operations. This document sets out standards for achieving and maintaining an adequate level of understanding and knowledge in order to operate nuclear facilities safely with respect to nuclear criticality safety.

This document covers high-level training for maintaining nuclear criticality safety. This includes preparedness for and response to a potential criticality accident. ISO 11320 contains more specific training provisions on emergency preparedness and response. This document supports integrating such provisions, when relevant, within the training program for operations staff, operations supervisors, and management.



# Nuclear criticality safety — Nuclear criticality safety training for operations

## 1 Scope

This document specifies minimum nuclear criticality safety training requirements for operations staff, operations supervisors, and management.

This document is applicable to areas, processes or facilities containing quantities of fissile material for which nuclear criticality safety assessment is required as defined in ISO 1709.

This document is not applicable to the transport of fissile materials outside the boundaries of nuclear establishments.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

#### **operations staff**

workers who, in the act of carrying out activities as part of a facility or process, have duties for maintaining nuclear criticality safety

Note 1 to entry: These include staff and (sub)contractors performing activities in accordance with written procedures as part of production, processing and handling of fissile material. They may also include workers such as maintenance workers, and health physics monitors if they could have an effect on nuclear criticality safety either through action or inaction as part of their duties. They do not include support staff, whose actions would not be expected to affect fissile material processes.

### 3.2

#### **operations supervisors**

individuals who direct or supervise *operations staff* (3.1) in the production, processing or handling of fissile material, and who accept responsibility for the safety of operations under his/her control

### 3.3

#### **management**

individuals with overall responsibility for the nuclear criticality safety of operations for a site, process or facility