The Regulatory Perspective on Incorporation of Human Factors into Decommissioning Activities

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ABSTRACT

Decommissioning often involves activities that are unique in nature or inherently more hazardous than many operations tasks, with a resultant higher potential for error than during operational activities. The CNSC requires that licensees submit a plan detailing how they will address the various human factors issues which may come into play during the decommissioning effort. The elements which should be covered in such a plan include: organizational structure, communication, management of change, retention of key personnel, staffing levels, training, contractor management, work plans and procedures, health and safety issues, and a decommissioning experience process.