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Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission



Regulates the use of nuclear energy and materials to protect the **health, safety and security** of Canadians and the **environment**; implements Canada's **international commitments** on the peaceful use of nuclear energy; and **disseminates objective scientific, technical and regulatory information to the public.**



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CNSC Regulates All Nuclear-Related Facilities and Activities Cradle to Grave

- 4 sites-19 operating nuclear reactors
- 5 uranium mines in Sask
- 8 processing and fuel fabrication facilities
- Major research facilities
- Hospitals and industrial users



Our website displays an interactive map with all our major facilities

Overview of Nuclear Research in Canada



Key Research Players

- Atomic Energy of Canada Limited (AECL) - Chalk River Laboratories
- Candu Owner's Group (COG) - Research by utilities
- University Based Research
 - TRIUMF
 - University Network of Excellence in Nuclear Engineering (UNENE)
- CNSC - Regulatory Research
 - International Cooperative Research

National Laboratories AECL CRL



AECL Capability Areas



- Nuclear and Radioactive Material Management
- Irradiation and Post-Irradiation Service
- Nuclear Safety, Security and Risk
- Radiation Biology, Radioecology and Dosimetry
- Materials and Chemistry in Nuclear Applications
- Advanced Nuclear Fuels and Fuel Cycles
- Systems Engineering
- Advanced Computing, Modeling and Simulation
- Hydrogen and Hydrogen Isotopes Management
- Environmental Remediation and Nuclear Waste Management

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Industry Led Research



- Canadian nuclear operators engage in a variety of research initiatives and in many cases work jointly
- A large part of the collaborative research is done through a formal agreement called CANDU Owners Group (COG), which includes CANDU owned utilities from Canada and around the world



All Candu Operators in the world are members of COG

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Industry Led Research CANDU Owners Group (COG) (cont'd)



Research & Development

The COG Research and Development program addresses current and emerging operating issues to support the safe, reliable and economic operation of CANDU reactors. There are five R&D program areas:

- Chemistry, Materials and Components
- Fuel Channels
- Health, Safety and Environment
- Safety and Licensing
- Industry Standard Toolset

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University Based Research

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University Based Research - TRIUMF

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University Based Research - UNENE

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University Based Research - UNENE Projects



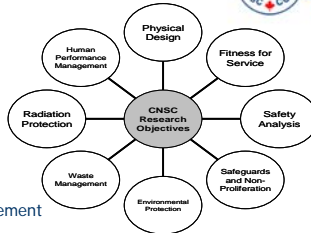
University	Functional Area	Sample Project
McMaster University	Safety Analysis	BDBA Modelling Post-fukushima
Queen's University	Irradiated Material Testing	Delayed Hydride Cracking in PHTS Material
Royal Military College (RMC)	Finite Element & Multi-physics Modelling	Modeling of Fuel Codes
University of Toronto	Materials Performance	Stress Corrosion Cracking in Alloy 600/800
University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT)	Radiation Protection – Dosimetry	Development of Tissue Proportional Counters
Waterloo	Reliability Models & Uncertainty Analysis	Statistical Analysis of Pickering Fish Kill Compliance
Western	Seismic Research, I & C, Chemistry, esp. Radiolysis	Seismic Risk Analysis of Nuclear Plants

CNSC Regulatory Research

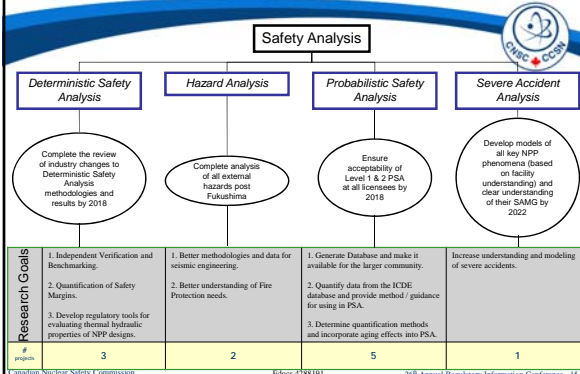


Research Areas:

- Physical Design
- Fitness for Service
- Safety Analysis
- Safeguards
- Environmental Protection
- Waste Safety
- Radiation Protection
- Human Performance Management



Example of Research Goals Flowchart



Potential CNSC Research Projects Following Fukushima Lessons Learned



- Improved analysis of external events and in the analysis of their effects on Structures, Systems and Components
- Better understanding of accident progression
- In-calandria retention of core debris - impact of penetrations and end-shield
- Development of sensitivity analysis methods for identification of cliff edge effects
- Development of capabilities for the emergency technical assessment response
- Release of radioactivity through liquid effluents in case of severe accidents

International Cooperation



- International relations are indispensable for CNSC to fulfill its regulatory mandate
- CNSC contributes to developing international safety standards, ensures compliance with Canada's international obligations, and participates in the strengthening of global nuclear security and the management of emergencies
- CNSC works closely with IAEA, OECD/NEA and other regulators

International Cooperation - IAEA



- I-GALL International Generic Ageing Lessons Learned Database - CANDU Power Plants
- Seismic Safety Evaluation & Beyond Design Basis Margin Demand
- IAEA Cyber Security Working Group : Emerging Issues for Nuclear Security
- IAEA Mission in Japan Fukushima - Daiichi
- Trends in the Development of Advanced Fuels for Fast Reactors

International Cooperation - OECD/NEA



- CSNI - Committee on the Safety of Nuclear Installations
- MDEP - Multinational Design and Evaluation Programme
- WGAMA - Working Group on Accident Management and Analysis
- WGRISK - Working Group on Risk Assessment
- PRISME - Project on Fire Safety
- CADAK - Cable Ageing Database and Knowledge
- ICDE - International Common-Cause Data Exchange

International Cooperation - USNRC



CNSC is involved with USNRC in several joint projects such as:

- Cooperative Agreement of Thermalhydraulic Code Applications and Maintenance Program (CAMP)
- Cooperative Severe Accident Research Program (CSARP)
- International Steam Generator Tube Integrity Program (ISG TIP-4)

Conclusions



- Nuclear safety research in Canada is being broadly coordinated between the CNSC, industry, AECL- CRL and academia
- Canada is well positioned via its domestic and international cooperative arrangements on safety research to ensure technical knowledge gaps now and in the future are being appropriately addressed

Thank You

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...it's in our DNA!



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