




Multinational Design Evaluation Programme

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Vendor Inspection Cooperation Working Group  
**'Efficiencies of joint vendor inspections'**

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## Summary of VICWG Activities

**Background**

- Approved by the MDEP policy group in March 2008
- Multinational regulatory membership
- Meet six monthly 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
- Harmonise best practice approaches
- Facilitate adoption of good vendor oversight practice

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**Achievements**

- MDEP inspections in 2015
  - 5 joint inspections (US, China, Korea), 4 witnessed inspections (US, Canada, UAE, France, Finland, Korea)
- Common positions agreed on QA/QM & Vendor Inspection Good Practices
- First VICWG multinational inspection in 2014 (US, France, UK)

**Next Steps**

- 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

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VICWG representatives at Taishan NPP construction site during their May 2015, meeting hosted by NNSA, China



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