

How many Business Management Systems do we need?

Answer: One business. One management. One system.

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However we seem to have an ever growing array of standards specifying requirements for our management systems! The event focussed on some of the more recently published of these standards and experience in the nuclear sector complying with them.

NucSIG is very grateful to Energy Solutions/Magnox Ltd for once again hosting the Scottish region event at their Hunterston A site on the Ayrshire coast. Mark Stubbs the Site Director welcomed members to the site and gave an interesting overview of Magnox Ltd and the most recent decommissioning progress and plans for Hunterston A which will be completed in 2022.

Geoff Edmondson for NucSIG also welcomed members and outlined NucSIG progress particularly highlighting the work which is planned to enhance the Nuclear Quality Knowledge document (NQG 2013).

EDF Energy Nuclear Generation Limited's (NGL) Peter Ralphs took members through the process and benefits that NGL experienced introducing compliance with PAS 55, the Asset Management standard. NGL started the PAS 55 journey in 2007, securing certification in 2009. After several surveillance visits LRQA now certify the NGL asset management system alongside the familiar ISO trio in combined surveillance assessments. So compliance with PAS 55 is now fully integrated and part of business as normal.

Richard Hibbert (RSRL) and Paul Murphy (DSRL) who are both members of the NucSIG Steering Group gave presentations of their recent experiences implementing the requirements of



ISO 27001 Information Security and ISO 22301 Business Continuity management respectively. Richard explained that the secret to success was to introduce ISO 27001 with a small project team with close liaison between himself as Head of Quality and the IT Manager, a director level sponsor and the introduction of Information Asset Owners across the business. there is now much more awareness of Information security across RSRL and some real improvement to information security for instance better monitoring of unauthorised USB stick use.

Paul's presentation on Business Continuity Management at Dounreay discussed the process used to develop compliant arrangements. Like many of these management standard implementations much of what you need to do already exists- it simply needs identifying and adding to. Business Continuity Plans designed for a specific significant disruption to the business are established in advance.

From Bird Flu to flood to terrorist act the business envisages the unthinkable and plans how to mitigate the effects and get back on track. Since implementing ISO 22301 three Business Continuity Plans have already been deployed at Dounreay.

A common theme that emerged in the three presentations is the need to assess risk for the issue - asset degradation, information security or business disaster and establish a process for management and mitigation of these risks.

Graham Watson (Integre Ltd) represents BSI on ISO TC-176, the Technical Committee responsible for ISO 9001. His presentation concentrated on a development that will help unify ISO management system standards. The Technical Committees are being directed by the Top Management Board (TMB) to use 'Annex SL' which imposes rules on the TCs requiring a common structure and definition of Terms to be used in the individual standards. The TCs have to simply fill in the 'XXX's!! Not quite, but this approach should help those of us charged with using the standards in the future.

Sellafield Site Ltd's Stuart Allen gave the NucSIG an update on the improvements made at Sellafield to supplier monitoring and assessment and work he is involved in with the Safety Director's Forum to collaborate around the industry in this area.

Finally Paul led a discussion of members in which he recalled the days we worked on Quality rather than management system establishment and maintenance and we all mused as to meaning of life!!

Geoff Edmonson thanked everyone for attending and contributing and particularly thanked Paul Murphy and Hunterston A's Debbie Thornton and Mark Sweeney who made the event possible through their endeavours organising it.