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Subject: Invitation to a Regional Workshop on Implementation of a Graded Approach to Regulatory Oversight, Vienna, Austria, from 2 to 4 November 2015

Dear National Liaison Officer,

I am pleased to invite you to send nominations of suitable candidates to participate in the above-mentioned workshop under the framework of TC Project RER/9/111 - Establishing a Sustainable National Regulatory Infrastructure for Nuclear and Radiation Safety. The purpose of the workshop and related information are outlined in the attached Prospectus.

For candidates who are selected by the IAEA, the IAEA will cover the cost of return international travel from the home country to Vienna, Austria and provide Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for the duration of the workshop in line with IAEA rules and procedures.

Please submit nominations to the IAEA online through the Technical Cooperation Department's InTouch system (<http://intouch.iaea.org>). Only if this is not possible, nominations may be submitted on the Nomination Form for Meeting/Workshop available on the IAEA website: <http://www.iaea.org/technicalcooperation/How-to-take-part/In-meetings-WS/index.html>. Completed forms should be endorsed by relevant national authorities and sent to the Programme Management Officer for this project, Ms Sandra Steyskal (IAEA Official Fax: +43-1-26007 or E-Mail Official.Mail@iaea.org), through the official channels, i.e. the designated National Liaison Office for IAEA matters, not later than 31 August 2015.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure: Prospectus

International Atomic Energy Agency

Regional Workshop on Implementation of a Graded Approach to Regulatory Oversight

PROSPECTUS

Project Number & Title: RER/9/111 - Establishing a Sustainable National Regulatory Infrastructure for Nuclear and Radiation Safety

Place (City, Country): Vienna, Austria

Dates: 2 – 4 November 2015

Deadline for Nominations: 31 August 2015

Organizers: The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

Host Country Organizer: Ms Sandra Steyskal
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Language: English

Purpose: The purpose of the workshop is to present the IAEA safety standards and related documents relevant to the application of safety requirements for nuclear installations, including nuclear power plants and research reactors, utilizing a graded approach. The use of a graded approach in the implementation of the management system requirements by the regulatory body, as part of its regulatory oversight of licensees' programmes and activities, will be also addressed. Practical guidance and examples of grading, as required by the IAEA Safety Standards Series No. GS-R-3, *The Management System for Facilities and Activities to develop and apply a method of grading appropriate to the regulatory control* will be discussed, based on the examples provided by the participants.

Expected Output(s): Participants will be expected to enhance their knowledge of the grading process, the role of classification in the process and the typical controls that can be graded for the regulatory oversight of nuclear installations.

Scope and Nature: The workshop will include presentations of the relevant IAEA publications as well as presentations delivered by experts to share their experience on implementation of a graded approach applied in regulatory oversight.

Exercises and discussions during breakout and plenary sessions will allow the participants to further understand and practice how to grade the management system requirements, based on the risk informed considerations. Discussions of national practices for applying a graded approach will be also organised. To prepare for this session, a questionnaire related to a national example will be sent to the participants in advance. The completed questionnaire should be returned to the Secretariat two weeks prior to the workshop.

Background Information:

The implementation of TC project RER/9/111 is aimed at assisting participating countries to assess and enhance their national regulatory infrastructure for safety and, when necessary, have prepared a comprehensive and sound action plan aimed to correct weaknesses and fill gaps identified from a self-assessment. The application of a graded approach in the conduct of regulatory core functions has to be described as part of regulatory body's management system and the principles based on which the methodology is developed should be clearly stated in the relevant regulatory guidance documents. IAEA has a number of safety standards and other documents which address the graded approach, including assessment of the significance of the process and product/activity and the allocation of specific control appropriate to the grade. The results of peer-review missions, such as the Integrated Regulatory Review Service (IRRS) missions, have indicated that some regulatory bodies do not have a systematic documented approach for applying grading in the conduct of their regulatory oversight. Discussion among participants and experts of the national approaches and comparison with the guidance available in the IAEA documents will enhance understanding on how graded approach should be applied and contribute to identification of areas where enhancements might be necessary.

Participation:

The workshop is open to 25 participants from Member States participating in the TC project RER/9/111.

Participants' Qualifications:

The participants should be experienced staff members from the regulatory bodies or their technical support organizations who are directly involved in the implementation of core regulatory functions, e.g. authorization, review and assessment, inspection and enforcement for various nuclear installations, including nuclear power plants and research reactors, using a graded approach. Regulatory staff involved in the development and implementation of a graded approach, as part of regulatory body's management system, are also invited. The workshop will be conducted in English and candidates should have sufficient English proficiency to participate in the training course without difficulty.

Nomination Procedure:

Nominations for the workshop should be submitted to the IAEA online through the Technical Cooperation Department's InTouch system (<http://intouch.iaea.org>). Only if this is not possible, nominations may be submitted on the standard IAEA Nomination Form for Workshop/Workshop (available on the IAEA website:

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**Administrative
and Financial
Arrangements:**

Nominating Governments will be informed in due course of the names of the candidates who have been selected and will, at that time, be given full details of the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Selected participants from countries eligible to receive technical assistance will be provided with a round trip economy class air ticket from their home countries to Vienna, Austria, and a Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) at the prevailing UN Rate. Shipment of accumulated workshop materials to the participants' home countries is not the responsibility of the IAEA.

The organizers of the workshop do not accept liability for the payment of any cost or compensation that may arise from damage to or loss of personal property, or from illness, injury, disability or death of a participant while he/she is travelling to and from or attending the workshop, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in nominating participants, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.