

WNTI and NUTRANSTOR Workshop collaboration:

International spent fuel shipment experience: Information sharing of lessons learned and best practices.

Monday 19th July 2021 Virtual Meeting - WebEx

Agenda



Introduction

Mitch Arvidson The Council of State Governments Midwestern Office

Presentation - Some Aspects on The Swedish Back-End System

Anna Wikmark, SKB (Sweden)

Presentation - Nuclear Material Transportation Global Acceptance

Anne Presta (France) & Mike Valenzano (USA) Orano NPS

Q&A Session

All Panelists

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Workshop Presenters and Hosts

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- Catherine Shelton, NUTRANSTOR, St. Croix, USVI
- Michael Snee, Ohio Dept. of Health, Columbus, Ohio
- Mitch Arvidson, The Council of State Governments Midwestern Office
- Anna Wikmark, SKB, Stockholm, Sweden
- Mike Valenzano, TN Americas, Columbia, Maryland
- Anne Presta, Orano NPS, Paris, France

What is the World Nuclear () Whiti Transport Institute? What is it for?

 Founded in 1998 in London, England, by 3 Founder Members ORANO (ex AREVA), Nuclear Transport Solutions (ex INS), FEPC (Japan)

 49 Members from a wide range of industry sectors: radioisotopes producers, major utilities, fuel producers, transport companies, package designers, package producers, mining companies, insurers...







Observer Status at Major International Organizations







UNITED NATIONS



Atoms For Peace







World Nuclear Transport Institute

- The voice of the radioactive materials transport industry
- Industry Representation at International Organisations
- Factual information Fact Sheets, website www.wnti.co.uk
- Good Practice Guides for the industry
- Working Groups for industry members
- Organizing Regional and specific thematic workshops for our members



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- MISSION: As an open group of retired nuclear industry members, our mission is to assist in solving issues in Nuclear Field, to protect and promote Nuclear and to transmit our experience to younger generations
- NUTRANSTOR activity is split into :
 - Volunteer actions of coaching and promotion of nuclear
 - Commercial actions of problems solving or specific training for the Nuclear Industry including peer reviews and independent assessments
- Various nuclear fields can be treated due to the vast real-life experience of NUTRANSTOR members, especially:
 - Nuclear transports and logistics
 - Specific nuclear regulation topics
 - Spent fuel activities (transport, storage, disposal)
 - Nuclear D&D of all types of reactors
 - Waste management and repositories
- Subjects can be organizational, regulatory or technical.
- Value added of NUTRANSTOR is to bring our unbiased appreciation of the problems helping the teams to solve the issues in their general context. It is also to bring to the executive levels an independent global appreciation It is never to replace the teams in charge of the problem

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Work Experience

- Staff Lieutenant, Naval Reactors Headquarters, US Navy, 1989-93
- Packaging Engineer and Project Manager, Hanford Site, 1993-98
- Project Manager, Chem-Nuclear Systems, 1998-2000
- Shipping and Storage Manager, Fernald Site, 2000-2004
- Project Manager, Yucca Mountain Project, 2004-06
- Packaging and Transportation Manager, Idaho National Lab, 2006-08
- Transportation Safety Manager, Hanford Site, 2008-12
- Project Manager, Packaging and Transport, AREVA TN Americas, 2012-15
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Catherine has a very complementary profile with 35 years of experience with transportation of radioactive materials as well as worldwide knowledge with spent fuel management solutions.

She started her career in 1983 at La Hague Reprocessing plant in Normandy (Orano former AREVA). During her 18 years in France at La Hague and in Paris, she managed numerous types of shipments including spent fuel, vitrified waste, plutonium, research reactors, front end materials, etc.

She moved to the United States in 2001 to manage radioactive transports for commercial but also federal customers (NAC International and Orano). She also worked in the Strategy with a focus on logistics

After retiring from corporate life, she started consulting in 2019. She holds the equivalent of a Master degree in Business; she received a Lifetime Achievement Award from Packaging and Transportation of Radioactive Materials (PATRAM).

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Introduction

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Anna Wikmark is a specialist of radioactive materials transports with over 25 years of experience from the nuclear industry and 21 years in radioactive materials transport. She has been leading several international projects involving shipment of irradiated nuclear fuel and core components.

Since 2014, Anna is working at the Swedish Nuclear Fuel and Waste Management Co. As the Manager for Fuel and Waste Streams & Transports she is also responsible for the Swedish nuclear transport system including the nuclear cargo vessel M/S Sigrid.



Some Aspects on The Swedish Back-End System

> Web Workshop 19 July, 2021 Anna Wikmark SKB

Outline



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- 2. Swedish Back-End System
- 3. KBS-3 Concept
- 4. Swedish Transport System
- 5. The journey to a Selected Site and Strong Public Relations
- 6. Lessons Learned
- 7. Safety and Security in Transportation of Spent Nuclear Fuel
- 8. Wrap up and Conclusions

SKB Assignment





SKB is a private company owned by the Swedish utilities

Manage and dispose of all radioactive waste from all Swedish NPP

- o Spent nuclear fuel
- Low- and Intermediate Level Waste
 Manage waste from hospitals, industry and research
 Ensure safety for human beings and the environment





The KBS-3 concept





The Swedish System





SKB Transport System



The transport system has been in operation since 1982

- Transport packages
- Transport frames
- Special built trucks
- Nuclear Cargo Vessel
 - Administrative system

SKB Transport Experience





Spent Nuclear Fuel (SNF)

- ~ **70 casks annually** (50 by sea and 20 by road)
- ~ 800 fuel assemblies annually
- ~ 200 tonnes U annually

Nuclear Waste (LLW, ILW)

- ~ 70 casks or containers annually
 - (40 by sea and 30 by road)



The Swedish System – Facilities

Clab - Interim storage for spent fuel

7 300 tonnes spent fuel in interim storage

SFR - Final repository for short-lived operational radioactive waste

40 000 m³ of waste in the facility

Ongoing projects for future facilities

- To construct and operate a facility (Clink) for storage of spent nuclear fuel and core components and for encapsulation of spent nuclear fuel
- To construct and operate a facility (The Spent Fuel Repository) for final disposal of spent nuclear fuel and nuclear waste in accordance with the KBS method with vertical deposition of the canisters (KBS-3V)
- Final Repository for Long-lived Waste







The Journey to a Selected Site and Good Public Relations





SVENSK KÄRNBRÄNSLEHANTERING



Early Experiences and Implications





Developed Strategy for Site Selection

- Transparent process based on voluntary participation and respect for local democracy
- Step-wise implementation
- Continuous dialogue, knowledge building and stakeholder involvement
- Clear roles for state and industry
- Ability and political will, nationally and locally, to move forward and make necessary decisions



Dialogue and Openness



Facility Visits







Information in the Municipality Östhammar About 22 000 inhabitants





- Municipality council
- General public small informal meetings
- Study trips to SKB's facilities in Forsmark and Oskarshamn
 - Schools
- Companies, associations, workplaces

Public Opinion Poll



Vilket förtroende har du för företaget Svensk Kärnbränslehantering AB, SKB? What confidence do you have in the company Svensk Kärnbränslehantering AB, SKB?



Public Opinion Poll



Vilken är din inställning till att SKB planerar att bygga ett slutförvar för använt kärnbränsle i Forsmark i Östhammars kommun? Är du ...? What is your opinion about SKB planning to build a final repository for spent nuclear





Lessons Learned

SKB

- Transparent process and respect for local democracy
- It takes time to create relations and understanding
- Local staff with local relations and networks
- Be present and available always
- Find the code

Be creative and adapt the communication to local conditions – there is no "standard method" for building local acceptance. Strive to be integrated in the local society Respect that seemingly unimportant issues (from the implementer's point of view) may be crucial to others

- Keep the task separated from future nuclear power
- Trust must be earned....



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Safety and Security in Transportation of SNF







Safety and Security in Transportation of SNF

Transporting radioactive material requires measures to protect people and the environment from radioactive material

- Safety measures
- Security measures



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Security Focus in Focus



- Rapidly elevated security focus in the years after the 9/11 attack
- Regulatory requirements on enhanced security

Safety and Security



The ultimate purpose of safety and security for nuclear activities is the same - necessary measures to protect people and the environment from radioactive material.

Two main areas of conflict

- Safety and security transparency vs. need-to-know
- Different legislation areas

Safety



- Proper operating conditions
- Prevention of accidents
- Mitigation of accident consequences
- Sharing safety related incident information

- ≻ Knowledge
- Wide information sharing
- > Transparency
- Sharing of experience to improve the safety







The prevention and detection of, and response to,

- ✤ theft
- sabotage
- unauthorized access
- malicious acts

- Restricted need-to-know
- Prevention of valuable details to fall into hands of potential antagonists or terrorists
- Information security



Areas of Conflicts



Physical Protection Installations

Access control

Confidential Information

- Transport routes
- Time schedules
- Transported goods
- Vessel and vehicle design



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Discussion





The purpose of safety and security for nuclear activities is to protect people and the environment from radioactive material

- Regulatory bodies, competent authorities and agencies should actively work together to minimise the conflicts between the regulations
- Agreement and provision of guidelines where conflicts cannot be avoided
- International approaches and standards

Wrap Up & Conclusions



Key for a successful implementation and operation of a transport system and an effective security system

- Extensive knowledge and experience of the legislations and regulations for all areas regulating the operations. You must know what you are doing
- Constant dialogue, knowledge building and stakeholder involvement
- To be able to fulfil the "Need-to-know-basis" criteria lands at some point in *trust*
- Take your time to create relations and understanding!
 - o Local personnel with natural connections/relations and contacts
 - Be present and reachable always
- Find the code

Be creative and adapt the communication to local conditions – there is no "standard method" for building local acceptance. Strive to be integrated in the local society. Respect that seemingly unimportant issues (from the implementer's point of view) may be crucial to others.





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Education

Graduated from:

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Work Experience

Anne PRESTA, since 2019, is Institutional Relations Unit Manager for Orano TN, the Nuclear Package and Services Business Unit of the Orano Group.

In addition to the management of Transports Physical Protection, she particularly follows the Public Acceptance activities directly linked with Nuclear Materials Transportation.

She has over fifteen years of experience in the transport of radioactive material, in charge of Project and Business Development transport activities. In addition to that, Anne was involved in transport risk management, Emergency Preparedness and Response in charge of crisis communication.

From 2016 to 2019, Anne had been seconded by Orano to the World Nuclear Transport Institute as Specialist Advisor in charge of Transport Safety relationships with the IAEA.

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Mike Valenzano has over 20 years of experience in the handling, packaging and transportation of radioactive and nuclear materials, including used nuclear fuel. He has worked on high-profile nuclear non-proliferation projects in countries around the world and has supported transportation and storage projects for both commercial and government entities.

Currently, Mike is the Sr. Project Manager responsible for the transportation of reactor vessel segments from the decommissioning Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Station to the Waste Control Specialists (WCS) disposal site in Texas as well as packaging of GTCC waste at the decommissioning Crystal River 3 Nuclear Plant.

SPENT FUEL TRANSPORTS IN FRANCE The Unmatched Industrial Experience

Anne PRESTA (France) Mike VALENZANO (USA)

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ORANO NPS

- □ NUCLEAR CYCLE IN France
- □ SPENT FUEL TRANSPORT IN France
- □ MAJOR LESSON LEARNED





Orano Nuclear Packages & Services





Orano NPS & Nuclear Transports

5,000 shipments per year

- 2,700 for the Front End of the cycle
- 350 shipments for the Back End
 - Used fuel
 - MOX fuel
 - Vitrified and compacted waste
- 150 for research reactors and laboratories
- 2,500 for waste and contaminated tooling

Considerable resources

- 2,200 casks from 1MT to 130 MT
- 70 trucks designed for heavy casks, 50 special rail cars
- An integrated organization of transportation-related risk management (nuclear and industrial safety, real-time tracking, global acceptance, image / media)





Nuclear cycle in France- Front end





Nuclear cycle in France- Back-end





Spent fuel Management in France The choice of recycling





SPENT FUEL TRANSPORTS IN France









SPENT FUEL TRANSPORTS in France Overview 1/2

- **Electronuclear industry in France : a fast development to a strategic dimension**
- □ Over 50 years of routine transports
- □ <u>> 8000 spent</u> fuel transport casks delivered to la Hague recycling facility



Orano La Hague /



• 58 reactors located on 19 sites

• Installed power : 63,4 GW

• The French Nuclear Power Stations fleet is the second most important fleet in the world in power, behind that of the United States

SPENT FUEL TRANSPORTS in France Overview 2/2

- Approximately 200 rail transports* per year
- Consignor : EDF NPPs
- Consignee : Orano La Hague site
- **D** Packages used : TN[®]112/ TN[®]12/2/ TN[®]13/2
 - Authorised transport company : Orano NPS

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* 1 transport = 1 package

SPENT FUEL TRANSPORTS in France Key data

□ Key Transport record data:

- ✓ > 8000 spent fuel transport casks delivered to La Hague
- ✓ Approximately 200 transports yearly performed

□ Key assets owned and operated by Orano NPS

- ✓ Transportation casks A dedicated fleet of more than 30 casks
- ✓ A fleet of approximately 40 specialized rail cars
- ✓ Heavy-haul trucks : approximately 10 dedicated to spent fuel
- ✓ 1 dedicated rail Terminal in Valognes

□ Transport Events

- ✓ No major event over 50 years no cask leaking issue
- ✓ In 2020 : 1 event level 0 on INES scale
- ✓ A database of all the events for continuous impre-

SPENT FUEL TRANSPORTS in France *Transport Equipments*

TN®12/2 casks are type B casks. To obtain a transport license from the competent Nuclear Safety Authority, they have to go through a series of drastic tests: 9-meter drop on an unyielding surface, onemeter drop on a punch bar, fire and immersion tests.

TN®12/2 cask main features

- Empty weight : 98 T
- Loaded weight : 110 T
- Length : 6,15 m
- Diametre : 2,5 m
- Thickness : 30 cm of iron
- Capacity : 8 fuel elements

Q70 rail car main features

- Length : 20,7 m
- Width : 3,06 m
- Maximum weight : 159 t

SPENT FUEL TRANSPORTS in France *Transport schemes*

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SPENT FUEL TRANSPORTS in France Stakeholders

- Orano NPS emergency response organisation and capabilities allow to address any transport incident/accident any time through
 - ✓ Alert receipt and analysis
 - ✓ Alert transmission and setting up of crisis teams
 - ✓ Crisis management

□ Aim of this organisation

✓ Integrate quickly and efficiently any national crisis organisation for providing all appropriate support needed to the stakeholders in charge of crisis mitigation.

□ Orano drill policy

- ✓ Approximately 6 transport drills carried out each year (all types of transport combined)
- ✓ Drill implementation is based on five steps:

1 transport drill focused on Spent Fuel transport was held early July.

✓ Scenario : collision between class 7 rail car and truck

A dedicated emergency documentation for a quick and efficient answer

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SPENT FUEL TRANSPORTS in France Crisis Management

23 December 2013 – Incident on Spent Fuel Transport

ncident description

23/12 : A freight car transporting used fuel from NPP to Orano La Hague recycling plant in Le Bourget switchyard. One of its wheels slipped slightly from the track without destabilizing the car. The shipping cask remained intact and the technical incident had no impact on the environment.

Crisis & Recovery management

- 23/12 : Orano NPS immediately mobilized its crisis management team for 24/7 operations to manage the event, which occurred during the year-end holiday season
- 24/12 : Orano NPS, EDF, SNCF teams, in cooperation with the French Competent Authorities, brought in a replacement freight car to conclude the delivery of the package. Orano NPS arranged the transport of the replacement car and the installation of the handling gantry crane.
- 27/12: the technical transshipment of the TN13/2 package (< 100 tons), was completed.

SPENT FUEL TRANSPORTS in France Crisis Management

23 December 2013 – Incident on Spent Fuel Transport

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SPENT FUEL TRANSPORTS in France Crisis Management

23 December 2013 – Incident on Spent Fuel Transport

Media Management

- Tweets from Switchyard Town Mayor
- TV 24/7 broadcast on site

Orano actions

- Dedicated Communication team sent on site
- Spokesperson message to press
- Orano Press release on website

Very low media impact

SPENT FUEL TRANSPORTS *Major lessons learnt*

- □ Class 7 Transport is the only activity of the nuclear industry to be implemented on public domain .
- □ Necessity to Transport with no opposition or concern for Key stakeholders
- ✓ In BUILDING a climate of dialogue and confidence
- ✓ In INFORMING about safety and security of transport schemes and casks
- ✓ In REASSURING on compliance of shipments with International Regulations and Governmental agreements

□ Key Stakeholders identification & selection

- NGOs : Make them Partners rather than opponents
- The importance of the third parties advocates

Communication to the Key Stakeholders

The message is as important as the messenger

□ Networking

Keep it constantly alive !

SPENT FUEL TRANSPORTS Lessons learnt

SPENT FUEL TRANSPORTS *Major lessons learnt*

All starts with a dialogue ...

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THANK YOU!!!

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