

ATENA's activities toward nuclear safety improvement

~ current status and areas for improvement ~

(Introduction for the panel discussion)

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- While ATENA entered in its third year operation, ATENA has been producing substantial output for various issues including regulatory issues so far. Looking back such activities, we have found some cases which resulted in much success and other cases which require further improvements.
- I would like to propose the following points for today's discussion:

① ATENA's current performance in light with its original role

(with regard to the expectations expressed by NRA and the current status)

② Collaboration among industry organizations, and the trust from society

ATENA's current performance in light with its original role

【Current status and areas for improvement】

- As a successful case, new discussion scheme was realized between practical experts of both ATENA and NRA to discuss aging management, where both experts could share technically common understanding through a series of meetings.
- On the other side, voices of dissatisfaction against ATENA has been noticed on public meetings or Commissioner meetings of NRA
 - ATENA should refrain from seeking permission from NRA
(ATENA's lack of voluntary mind?)
 - It was regretful to hear no constructive opinions from ATENA
(mere aggregation of utilities' opinions without ATENA's own opinions?)

⇒ Questioning ATENA's performance in light with its original role
(Do we meet the expectations or trust from the regulatory authority?)

【Discussion Points】

- ① Any improvements required on ATENA's efforts, attitude, staffing
- ② Any improvements required on communication with NRA

Collaboration among industry organizations, and the trust from society

【Current status and areas for improvement】

- **ATENA has been working closely with JANSI, NRRC and manufacturers, but the tasks including regulatory issues have been wide-ranging, which leads to the fact that the entire process of solving issues cannot function effectively.**
⇒ Improvements are required on ATENA's organization/capability and further collaboration within industry organizations
- **Restart of some nuclear reactors has been achieved, but the general public is still skeptical about nuclear power.**
- **Information of ATENA's activities is released only on the website and has been slightly acknowledged.**
⇒ Industry's efforts to improve nuclear safety has not been acknowledged by the general public

【Discussion Points】

- ① **Any improvements required on ATENA's own organization/capability, and collaboration within industry organizations**
- ② **Required efforts to gain understanding and trust from the general public**

Reference: Collaboration scheme for the introduction of the new inspection system (success case)

- Utilities have reformed their mindset and deployed necessary infrastructure, and the industry organizations have supported utilities by respective responsibilities toward the proper implementation of the new inspection system.
- The industry is working closely to properly implement the system, so it can be regarded as a success case of industry collaborations.

Continuous presentation of industry's opinions so that the system leads to improved safety

