MDEP Current Activities & Challenges in Vendor Inspection

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Background
• Approved by the MDEP policy group in March 2008
• Multinational regulatory membership
• Meet bi-annually 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, target areas of emerging risk
• Harmonise best practice approaches
• Facilitate adoption of good vendor oversight practice
Achievements

• Routinely cooperate on joint & witnessed inspections (over 70 examples since 2008)
• Common positions agreed on QA/QM & Vendor Inspection Good Practices
• Routinely share inspection reports and programme outcomes
• Multinational inspections
  – Valinox, 2014 (NRC-Lead, ASN, ONR)
  – Areva, Creusot Forge, 2016 (ASN-Lead, CNSC, NNSA, STUK, NRC, ONR)
    High profile & positive example of benefits of regulatory cooperation
Challenges

- 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
- Develop complimentary Interface with NEA’s CNRA
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