Implications of the Draft ICRP Recommendations
On the System of Radiological Protection:
Views from the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA)

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The OECD Nuclear Energy Agency has taken an active interest in the work being performed by the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) to develop a new set of general recommendations. As several key junctures, the NEA, through the lead of its Committee on Radiation Protection and Public Health (CRPPH) has performed in-depth analyses of the possible implications that draft ICRP materials, in order to inform policy makers of the regulatory and applicational implications that would result should draft ICRP Recommendations for a system of radiological protection be published. Comments from the NEA have constructively contributed to the ICRP development process, and it is hoped that the final ICRP recommendations in this area will be developed to best serve the needs of national and international radiation protection policy makers, regulators and implementers.

Having assessed and commented on previous drafts, the CRPPH has co-ordinated the views of all the relevant standing technical committees within the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency to provide constructive suggestions as to how the text could be usefully improved. Comments were requested from the NEA committees dealing with radioactive waste management, nuclear safety, nuclear regulatory activities, nuclear development and nuclear science. The present paper summarises the results of the CRPPH review process related to the new ICRP recommendations.