

Regulatory Requirements and Monitoring and Assessment of the Implementation of Defence in Depth

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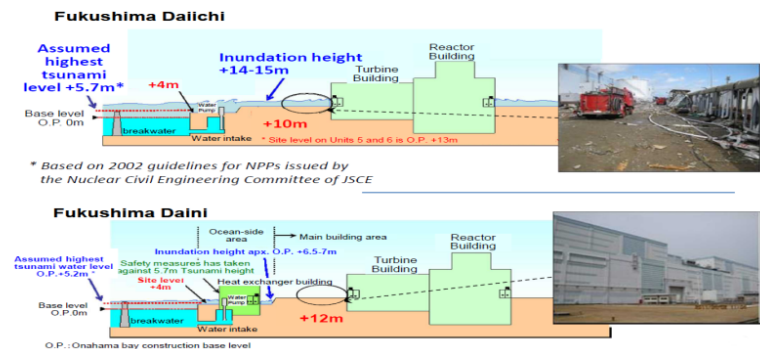
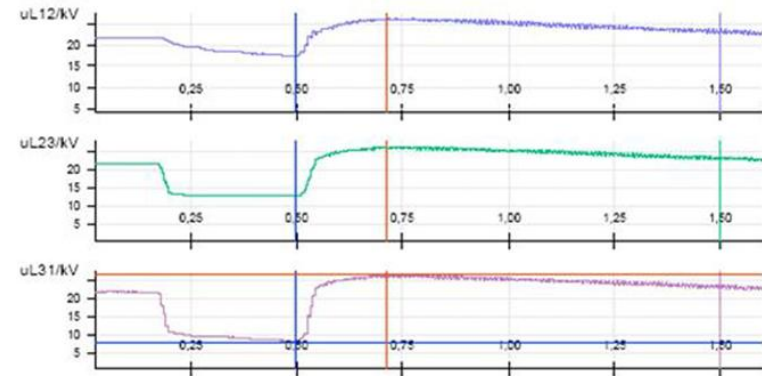
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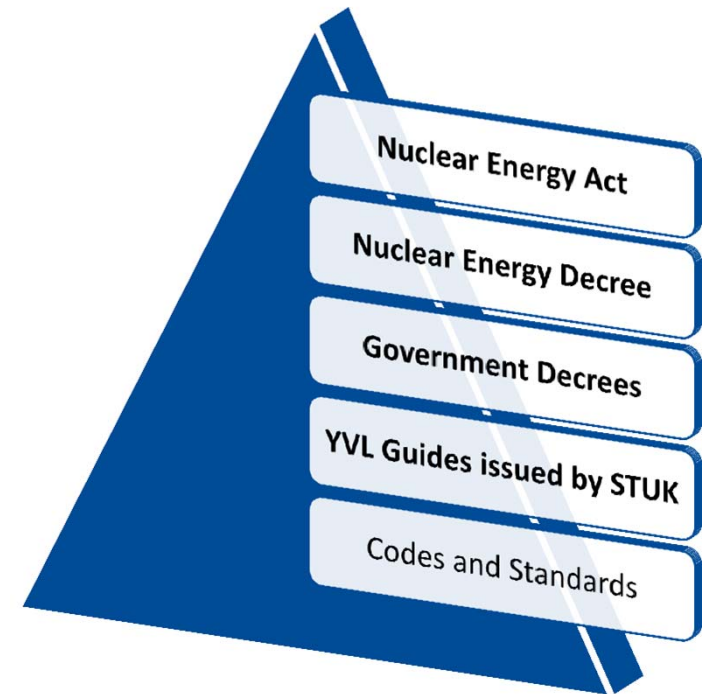
Recent Experience and Defense in Depth

- Forsmark event 2006
 - Offsite grid disturbance resulted in voltage surge on the onsite power supply systems resulting in common cause failure in safety systems
 - Issues of generic nature (robustness of DiD Levels, Dependencies, Fail-safe design)
 - Didelsys Task Group report ([NEA/CSNI/R\(2009\)10](#))
- Tepco Fukushima Daichi Accident 2011
 - Insufficient design basis against flooding resulted in common cause failure in safety systems
 - Issues with Fail-safe design, weaknesses in DiD levels as well as dependencies between DiD levels



Requirements for Defense in Depth in the Finnish Regulations and Guides

- Nuclear Energy Act
 - Section 7 b on Safety principle of defense-in-depth; safety of a nuclear facility shall be ensured by means of successive levels of protection independent of each other
- Government Decree on the Safety of Nuclear Power plants (2013) provides requirements for
 - functional safety with five levels of defense
 - independence between the levels
 - structural safety with barriers
 - application of redundancy, separation and diversity principles to ensure fulfillment of safety functions
- **YVL B1** Safety design of a nuclear power plant (2013)
 - Detailed requirements for the application of DiD in the design of a NPP e.g. for DiD levels, independence of the levels, and strength of individual levels

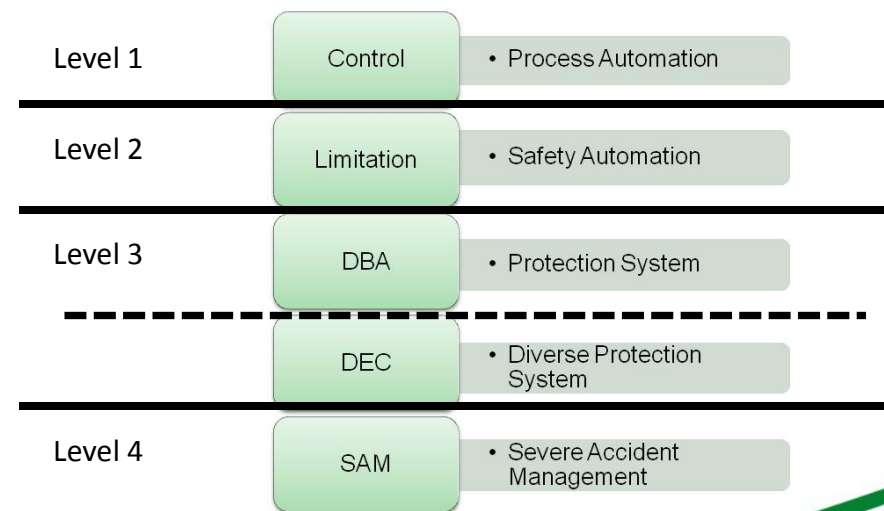
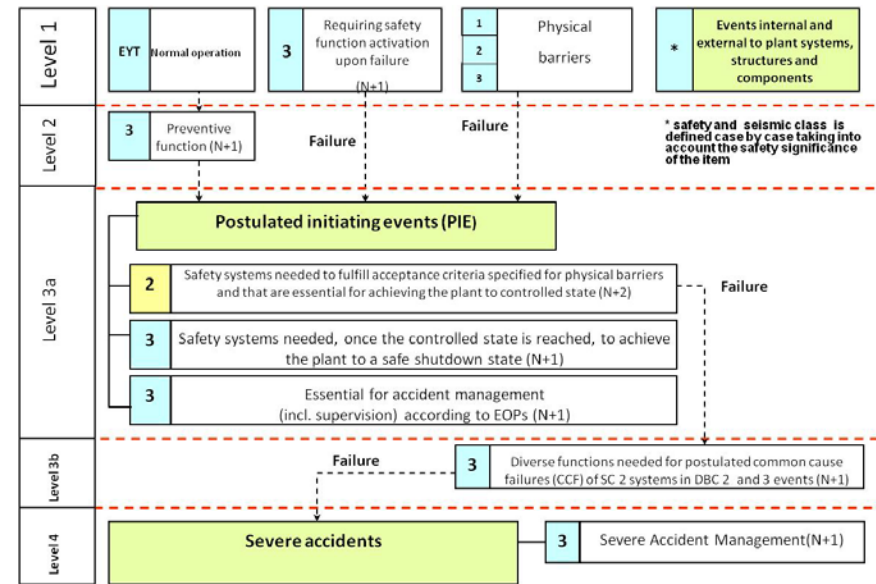


DiD Levels, Event Categories and Frequencies

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| Level 1 | Normal operation (DBC 1) | |
| Level 2 | Anticipated operational occurrences (DBC 2) | $f > 10^{-2}/a$ |
| Level 3a | Postulated accidents Class 1 (DBC 3) | $10^{-2}/a > f > 10^{-3}/a$ |
| | Postulated accidents Class 2 (DBC 4) | $f < 10^{-3}/a$ |
| Level 3b | Design extension conditions (DEC) | DEC A – CCF combined with DBC2 / DBC3 DEC B – Probable failure combinations DEC C – Rare external events |
| Level 4 | Severe accidents (SA) | Safety goals CDF $< 10^{-5}/a$; LRF $< 5 \times 10^{-7}/a$ |
| Level 5 | | |

Implementing and overseeing DiD

- Operating NPPs and current DiD requirements
 - In particular robustness against extreme external hazards
 - In general robustness of levels and independence between levels
 - Redundancy, Diversity, Separation/Isolation within or(/and) between levels
- Consistent implementation of DiD in different technical disciplines e.g. Digital I&C
- Clarification of applied concepts with e.g. quantitative goals
 - e.g. practical elimination, reasonably achievable/practicable
- Regulatory inspection and assessment approaches and their focus on DiD, use of different analysis tools, PSRs)



Conclusions

- Defense in Depth has been and continues to be the key concept for safety of nuclear power plants – But needs to be reinforced (e.g. against external events, loss of power systems, malfunction or loss of I&C, loss of heat sink, spent fuel pools)
- Needs to be regulated – Requirements for the implementation of Defense in Depth are set in the Finnish regulations and regulatory guides
- For harmonizing Defense in Depth approaches and in particular the implementation of DiD, practical guidance is needed (e.g. extreme external hazards)
- Role of operators and regulators in ensuring DiD is also maintained and improved when necessary during the lifetime of the NPP – use of deterministic and probabilistic tools, PSRs