

Ms. A. Couto



Alicia Couto, born in 1944 in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was educated at the University of Buenos Aires. She earned her graduate degree in Physics in 1966, and her Ph.D. in Physics from the Belfer Graduate School of Sciences, Yeshiva University, New York, in 1970. She started her professional activities doing research in elementary particles and later in mathematical models. Since 1984 Ms.Couto works in nuclear safety and belongs to Nucleoeléctrica Argentina (NA-SA), the Argentinean Nuclear Utility, since it was created in 1994. Since Sept.2006 she is head of the Nuclear Regulations and Safety Department; between Oct.1995 and August 2006 she has been Head of the Division of Nuclear Safety and Licensing.

Ms.Couto is also a member of the “Technical Revision Committee”, advisory group to NA-SA CEO on safety issues. She also represents NA-SA at CALPIR, the advisory committee of the Argentinean regulatory body, on licensing relevant facilities staff.

Ms. Couto is responsible for Severe Accident Management Program for Atucha I, and in and has been responsible in several areas of various safety related projects in the two operating NPPs in the country: Seismic Margin Assessment, Probabilistic Safety Assessments, and Safety Reports updating. She has been NA-SA member of the Argentinean delegation to the Third Review Meeting of the Convention on Nuclear Safety.