# **Workforce Development Issues For Nuclear New Build**







Goodnight Consulting Has Conducted Many Engagements For Global Nuclear Power Industry Clients



#### Goodnight Consulting Has Also Developed Staffing and O&M Cost Models For Many New NPP Reactor Designs



Operations, Maintenance, Technical Support, Business Operations, and Regulatory Compliance For NPPs Are Very Demanding





#### **Regulatory Bodies Require Unique Competencies**

• Typical nuclear regulatory body organizations perform the following work functions:

**Administration** Appeals/Adjudication Budget/Finance Communications/Public Affairs Congressional Affairs Contracts/Purchasing Employee Concerns **Enforcement Programs** General Counsel/Legal Human Resources Incident Response

Information Technology **Inspections - Construction Inspections - Operational** International Cooperation Investigations Licensing Management New Reactors Nuclear Material Safety Nuclear Safequards Nuclear Safety

Nuclear Security Quality Assurance **Reactor Projects** *Reactor Safety* **Records Management Research** Programs Risk Assessment Rulemaking Safeguards Security Training



#### There Are A Wide Variety of Competencies Required By An NPP Operating Organization

• Typical nuclear operating organizations perform all of the following work functions:

Admin/Clerical Budget/Accounting Chemistry Communications Contracts/Purchasing Decontamination/Radwaste Processing Design/Drafting Document Control/Records Management **Emergency** Preparedness Engineering - Computer **Engineering - Mods** Engineering – Systems/Plant **Engineering - Procurement** Engineering - Reactor Engineering - Technical Environmental

*Facilities* **Operations** Fire Department **Operations** Pipeline Human Resources **Operations Support** Outage Planning/Scheduling Information/Computer Technology Legal Project Management *Licensing/Regulatory Affairs* Quality Assurance Maintenance - Construction Quality Control Maintenance - Electrical Rad Pro Applied Rad Pro Support Maintenance - I&C Maintenance - Mechanical Safety Programs Maintenance - Support Scheduling Maintenance Planning Security Ops Management Security Support Management Support Training Nuclear Fuels Warehouse



#### Multiple Drivers Must Be Taken Into Consideration For Staffing Requirements At NPPs



Each staffing function may have more than one major site, plant, or organizational driver



#### The Are Many Complexities Of Staffing Requirements When Major Drivers Are Considered





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| _            |   | Plant  | Site   | Regulatory  |             |                |   |                                     |
|--------------|---|--------|--------|-------------|-------------|----------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| Area         | Function                                    | Design | Layout | Requirement | Outsourcing | Centralization |   | Regulatory                          |
| Operations   | Applied Dediction Destantion                | v      |        | Y           | V           | ×              |   | Requirements                        |
|              | Applied Radiation Protection                | X      |        | X           | X           | X              |   | Site Layout Outsourcing             |
|              | ALARA/Radiological Engineering              | X      |        | X           |             | Χ.             | - | Optivits                            |
|              | Chemistry                                   | X      |        | X           | Y           |                | - |                                     |
| -            | Decontamination/Radwaste Processing         | ×      | ×      | X           | X           | ×              | - | Major Ability to                    |
| -            | Environmental<br>Fire Distriction           |        | ×      | X           | ~           | Χ              | - | Plant Design Staffing (in a "fleet" |
| -            | Pre Protection                              | X      | ×      | X           |             |                | - | Drivers                             |
|              | Operations                                  | X      | ×      | ×           |             |                | - |                                     |
|              | Operations Support                          | ×      | ×      | v           | Y           | ×              | - |                                     |
|              | Radiation Protection Support                |        |        | ×           | ~           | Χ              |   |                                     |
| Engineering  | Computer Engineering                        | X      | X      | x           |             | x              |   |                                     |
| ingineering  | Design/Draffing                             | x      | x      | x           | x           | X              |   |                                     |
|              | Modifications Engineering                   | x      | X      | x           | x           | X              |   | Example:                            |
|              | Nuclear Fuels                               | x      | X      | x           | x           | X              |   |                                     |
|              | Plant Engineering                           | × ×    | Ŷ      | ^           | ^           | ^              |   | Modifications                       |
|              | Procurement Engineering                     | ^      | ^      | x           | x           | x              |   | Mounications                        |
|              | Project Management                          |        |        | ~           | X           | X              |   | Engineering is                      |
|              | Project Management                          | Y      | Y      | Y           | ^           | ~              |   | Engineering is                      |
|              | Technical Engineering                       | × ×    | Ŷ      | ^           | Y           | Y              |   |                                     |
|              |   | ^      | ^      |             | ^           | ~              |   | impacted by all                     |
| Maintenance  | Facilities Maintenance                      |        | Х      |             | х           | х              |   | 5 drivers                           |
|              | Maintenance/Construction                    | Х      | Х      | х           | Х           |                |   |                                     |
|              | Maintenance/Construction Support            | X      | X      | X           | X           |                |   |                                     |
|              | Outage Management                           | X      | х      | X           |             |                |   |                                     |
|              | Quality Control/Non-Destructive Examination |        |        | X           | ?           | х              |   |                                     |
|              | Safety/Health                               | х      |        | X           |             | X              |   |                                     |
|              | Scheduling                                  | X      |        |             |             |                |   |                                     |
|              |   |        |        |             |             |                |   |                                     |
| Regulatory   | Emergency Preparedness                      | Х      | Х      | X           |             | Х              |   |                                     |
|              | Licensing                                   | Х      |        | X           |             | X              | 1 |                                     |
|              | Nuclear Safety Review                       |        |        | X           |             | X              | 1 |                                     |
|              | Quality Assurance                           |        |        | Х           | ?           | X              | 1 |                                     |
|              | Security                                    | Х      | Х      | X           | Х           | X              |   |                                     |
|              |   |        |        |             |             |                |   |                                     |
| Site Support | Budget/Accounting                           |        |        | X           |             | X              |   |                                     |
|              | Communications                              |        |        | X           |             | X              |   |                                     |
|              | Contracts                                   |        |        |             | Х           | X              |   |                                     |
|              | Document Control/Records                    |        |        |             | Х           | X              |   |                                     |
|              | Human Resources                             |        |        |             |             | X              |   |                                     |
|              | Information Management                      |        |        |             | X           | X              |   |                                     |
|              | Management                                  |        |        | X           |             |                |   |                                     |
|              | Management Support                          |        |        |             |             |                |   |                                     |
|              | Materials Management                        | X      |        |             | Х           | X              |   |                                     |
|              | Purchasing                                  |        |        |             | Х           | X              |   |                                     |
|              | Training                                    |        | Х      | X           |             | X              |   |                                     |
|              | Warehouse                                   | X      | X      |             | X           | X              |   |                                     |

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## In The US, Average 2-Unit Staffing Is ~1,100 Personnel; Average 1-Unit Staffing Is ~850 Personnel



Avg US Staffing Distribution (Large 2-Unit Gen II NPP)

#### For large 2-Unit NPPs:

- About half of the total staffing are technicians
- Engineers make up about 15%
- Nuclear Engineers are about 2%





#### Staffing Models Show Gen III/III+ and Gen IV Reactors Will Have Fewer Personnel Than Gen II Plants



Source: Goodnight Consulting Analysis

Each plant staffing model is proprietary, however the range of results can be portrayed to provide newcomers a perspective that new plant designs will require fewer personnel compared to Gen II





#### Industry Experience & IAEA Guidance Shows Hundreds of Personnel & Many Years Are Required

A new nuclear power program represents a major commitment of personnel and resources







#### While Often Overlooked In The Early Phases, Total Plant Staffing Is A Significant Life Cycle Cost Factor

- In the USA, typical fully burdened labor costs are ~\$100,000 per person

   Fully burdened costs include salary, bonuses, and company overheads for each employee, e.g., health care, retirement, computers, office space, etc.
- Thus, every 100 people: ~ \$10 M/year

Assuming a 60 year lifecycle for a new plant and 4% average rate of inflation, 500 personnel will cost ~ <u>\$12.5 Billion</u>





#### Some Technical Functions Will Require 6-7 Year Lead-Times; Plan Accordingly





"Workforce Planning for New Nuclear Power Programmes"

#### Detailed Staffing Plans Must Be Designed To Support Construction Milestones & Lead Times





#### Multiple Sources of Personnel Will Become Inputs to the Final Operating Organization





#### Apply Competency Requirements to Create a Development Plan => Training Plan

#### Human Resources Development for New Nuclear Power Programs





#### Like an NPP, Workers Also Have A Lifecycle





#### **Identifying and Achieving Competency Requirements**

(A) IAEA

- Identify the necessary skills/competencies and timelines (see IAEA NG-T-3.10, Appx. III)
- Identify current competency development capabilities at the national level
- Identify existing competencies that match or are similar (i.e., Fossil power generation, Oil & Gas, etc.)
- Conduct Gap Analysis to identify options/strategies for closing the gap between future needs and current capability







#### **Approached For Personnel / Capacity Development: University Level**

- Development of new university programs (ex: Establishment of Engineering programs)
- Expansion of existing university programs (Ex: Expansion of Chemical, mechanical Engineering programs to Nuclear Engineering), Khalifa University in UAE, JUST in Jordan, etc.
- Domestic cooperation of university programs (ex: Multi-university cooperation within the country)
- International Cooperation of university programs ۲ (ex: World Nuclear University)



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**UK Nuclear University Network** 



#### Options For Personnel / Capacity Development Vocational And Technical Level

- Germany example of national level certification/qualification, Ex: Master Electricians:
  - > Centralization of the German system the State regulates what happens in private companies
  - "Dual Training" a combination of OJT and classroom time, with standardized occupational profiles (curricula), developed by the federal government in collaboration with employers, educators, and union representatives
  - Every young technician in Germany learns the same skills in the same order and on the same timetable, resulting in high-quality programs with consistent results.
- Germany example of centralized nuclear operator training: The Simulator Center operated by KSG in Essen. Started in 1977 with two simulators (one for PWRs and one for BWRs) the Simulator Centre today runs 8 plant-specific simulators for 10 nuclear power plants.





# **Options For Personnel / Capacity Development** *Vocational And Technical Level (Continued...)*

- UAE example for Institute for Applied Technology (IAT) designed to "to encourage, educate and prepare our youth to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics-related fields")
  - IAT/Abu Dhabi Polytechnic offers Higher Diploma in Advanced Energy Engineering Technology, Applied Bachelor / Higher Diploma in Electromechanical Engineering Technology, and in other areas outside the nuclear energy field)
- Technical Support Organization support (external training experts)
  - Tecnatom (Spain), ATI (American Technical Institute/USA) ,others.....
- Sending personnel to vendor country for technical training (benefits, but also risks - Romania/CANDU example)









# **Options For Personnel / Capacity Development:** *International Level*

nternational Atomic Energy Agency

- IAEA, including:
  - Nuclear safety
  - Radiation protection
  - Human resource management
  - Sustainable energy development
  - Emergency preparedness and response
  - Technical cooperation
- Vendor-based training (GE, Westinghouse, Framatome, Rosatom, etc.)
- Government sponsored programs for international students
  - US Department of State, Bureau of Educational & Cultural Affairs
  - Private, Regional, and Local Universities
- World Nuclear University





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# Options For Personnel / Capacity Development: Cross-Functional & Cross-Cultural

- ENEC/NAWAH Experience
  - Emirati/Korean/Western (mostly US) Cooperation
  - "Adopt and Adapt"
    - Organizational
    - Processes
    - Procedures
  - "Nawah English"



- Different regulatory body standards
- Multi-lingual environment/translations
- Finland is an EU country = other EU country participation
- Canada/Romania CANDU experience
  - Language training: Romanians learning English
  - Technical training: Nuclear Island issues
  - Documentation: Which language: processes descriptions, procedures, signs, communications, etc.



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# **Everything About Nuclear Power Programs Is Big**

- > A large number of people
- A large variety of skill sets
- A long time for capacity building
- > A large amount of training
- > A large amount of investment (both capital and personnel)
- > A large amount of time to get started
- > A very long life cycle
- > A big process for decommissioning

.....therefore, you MUST be a knowledgeable customer



# Conclusions

- Begin with the end in mind, and then work the schedule in reverse
- Technicians (not engineers) are the largest part of the operating organization
- Labor costs will be significant, and they must be planned for separately from capital investments
- Organizational development & migration will also be challenging and planned for carefully
- New nuclear is a 100 year program = 3 to 4 generations of workers, so workforce plans must be constantly reviewed/updated



**Thank You For Your Attention** 



