

# Safety, Dose Optimisation and Security: the Quadrature of the Circle

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## Overview

#### Introduction

- ALARA culture, Safety Culture, Security Culture
- Synergies between these cultures
- Characteristics not in line
- Some practical examples
- Conclusions to come to a coherent management of safety and security





# Safety and security culture according to IAEA

- Safety Culture: INSAG 4 Safety culture is defined as "that assembly of characteristics and attitudes in organizations and individuals which establishes that, as an overriding priority, protection and safety issues receive the attention warranted by their significance"
- Security Culture, STI/PUB/1347 The assembly of characteristics, attitudes and behaviour of individuals, organizations and institutions which serves as a means to support and enhance nuclear security. An appropriate nuclear security culture aims to ensure that the implementation of nuclear security measures receives the attention warranted by their significance



## Some synergies

	SAFETY	ALARA	SECURITY
Individual dimension	Questioning attitude, responsible behaviour		
Organisational dimension	Adequate organization, learning culture		
Final objective	Avoid harm to people (workers, population), environment and facilities		
Technical component	Technical tools supporting the policy to be implemented		



## But many characteristics are not in line

	SAFETY	ALARA	SECURITY
Nature of risk	Driven by tasks and products Staff aims at reduction of risk TRUST		External dimension Malicious intent DISTRUST
Probabilistic aspects	Very low probability, high consesquence	Daily operations High probability Low / moderate consequence	Probability??? Consequence???
Acceptability	Mitigation efforts get large support		Poor acceptability (cameras, fences,)
Time dependence	Ruled by in-house planning and operations		External threat evolves globally
Reason	Significance	ALARA	Significance? Reason?



#### Practical example 1: design of facilities

- Hypothetical case: a storage place for nuclear or radioactive materials
  - ALARA: increase distance
  - Criticality safety: put it somewhere remote
  - Fire safety: remote, easy access
  - Security: dificult access, if possible within a facility







#### Practical example 2: Information and communication

- ALARA, Safety, Safeguards: adequate inventories
- Security: inventory = guidance for attack

- Labelling of sources
  - ALARA: labelling = good practice
  - Security: labelling is mandatory for High Active Sealed Sources, and useful in case of theft, loss,...
  - Security: labelling may lead to extra dose
  - Security: labelling may lead to orient terrorists



#### As a summary

- Security policy is not always in line with safety policy and/or radiation protection policy
- This is enhanced by the different legislations, authorities, in-house services dealing with them
- But the workforce has to cope with all of them!!!



#### Conclusion

There is need for a holistic approach not optimising just one of the policies or stimulating just one of the cultures both at the level of Regulators and in-house safety and security actors:

ASSARA: as safe and secure as reasonably achievable



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