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INTRODUCTION AND MAIN RESULTS

This presentation intends to discuss the widening gap between the Integrated Field Exercise (IFE) and the On-Site Inspection with measures to bridge the same.

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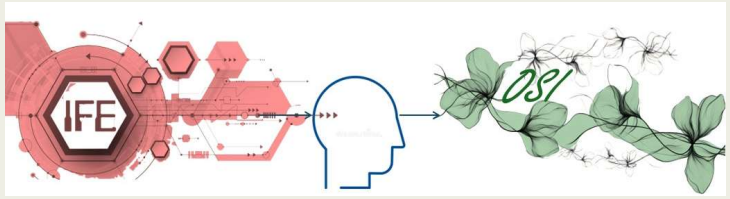
Introduction

An Integrated Field Exercise (IFE) is the most advanced training procedure that simulates an on-site inspection (OSI) and is designed to train inspectors, providing hands-on experience of a potential OSI. Once the Treaty enters into force (EIF), conduct of an OSI on a request of an ambiguous event may become a reality and the OSI inspectorate shall have adequate training to deliver the expected outcome. Hence, the IFE in theory shall provide an environment that resembles an OSI. However, the artificiality of an IFE, compared to OSI, is inevitable and cannot be avoided.

However in the context of an inspection, IFE could be considered as an artificial initiative compared to an OSI.



Major Issues

Main contrasts between IFE and OSI

- An Integrated Field Exercise (IFE) is a pre-planned work-out that is having enough time and space to design and conduct. Transferring IFE experience to OSI environment reduction of artificiality is must.
- Due to logistical issues, potential environments that IFE could select is limited and usually dwell on “comfort zones”, though OSI can be taken place in an uncompromising situations.
- In an IFE, injects plays a major role and “enthusiasm” of Inspectors could not maintain at high esteem and build-up to a level to address issues that an OSI will pose.
- Inspected State Party (ISP) of an IFE is well trained and naturally a “friendly” outfit compared to the ISP that OSI may taking place.

Remedial Measures

- .Opportunities shall developed to accommodate any potential OSI environment with added variables based on prototype and virtual training facilities.
- IFE could be designed with minimum of injects and reducing the artificiality as far as possible.
- The role of Control Team shall be kept invisible and the involvement of the Exercise Management could be limited to key requirements.
- The engagement of ISP in an OSI and the dependence of Inspection Team on ISP needed to be analyzed further

Conclusion

The key differences between IFE and OSI have to be addressed in an effective manner enabling the IFE mindset to transfer towards the OSI.

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