Code of ethics and professional conduct

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Who are we?

IRSN is the national public expert in nuclear and radiation risks in France.

Our aim

Assess and prevent nuclear and radiological risks

Our objectives

Optimizing our technical support to public authorities
Targeting scientific excellence in our research activities
Opening our expertise to society
Contributing to convergence of technical practices of nuclear safety in Europe and throughout the world
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This Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct meets the requirements of article 10.b. of the amended decree of February 22, 2002 concerning IRSN.

It’s necessary but is it enough?
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« Ethics » or « Deontology »?

WHAT MUST BE ADHERED TO

something that a professional is bound to respect “by law” to maintain their position or qualification as a registered expert.

THE RIGHT WAY TO BEHAVE

These notions are very close, and some may consider them synonymous, but we believe there is room for differentiation. Our Ethics Commission

so we LINK « Ethics » and « Deontology »
PART 2. How do we build our code?

To where we can cooperate with the operators without questioning the capacity of independence of judgment of the IRSN?

If one of these values conflicts with another, a deontology question appears.

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“prendre son temps”
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KNOWLEDGE

COLLECTIVE WORK

SHARING KNOWLEDGE

INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT

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PART 3. A short view of our code

A. A title: the objective of IRSN
   To enhance nuclear safety, nuclear security and radiation protection, IRSN interacts and shares its knowledge with public authorities, industry and civil society in such a way as to ensure the unhindered use of the results of its work.

B. Situations in which IRSN and its employees may find themselves
   In carrying out its work, IRSN has access to information that may bring to light a situation where there is short-term risk, without the Institute being formally required by the competent authority to act on the matter.

C. Rules
   Alerting the entity in charge, or in its absence, public authorities about situations that in its opinion present serious nuclear or radiological risks. It shall immediately alert public authorities if it deems that the situation requires a rapid response.
Thank for your attention.
For reading our code, you can consult our website irsn.fr.