Humans are critical to nuclear safety

Enhancing design efficiency and safety, Human Factors is a vital component in developing a safety case that is accessible to the operator, while satisfying the requirements of the regulator. Our dedicated Human Factors team can help to establish the link between the human and the work environment, with the aim of minimising human error and optimising the positive contribution human input can make to the enhancement and reliability of a system.

We have helped clients across the civil nuclear and defence sectors to design systems and tasks that support the people who operate, manage and maintain them, ensuring the demands of tasks are feasible and compatible with human physical and psychological limitations.

With an in-depth knowledge of UK regulations, we are able to clearly demonstrate that safety cases have adequately modelled human involvement.

A highly skilled and experienced team

Our team of Chartered Ergonomists are experienced in supporting projects at various stages of design. We have a strong track record in leading and delivering Human Factors for a range of complex multi-disciplinary nuclear safety projects, giving us a clear understanding of the role and contribution Human Factors must make to nuclear safety.

With the majority of the team at Senior Consultant level and above we build strong relationships with other technical disciplines and, by working closely with clients, ensure proportionate and focussed assessments are delivered to required standards. We take a holistic approach to understand the ‘bigger picture’ and deliver optimised solutions to challenges as they arise.

With a long history of delivering high quality nuclear safety support and advice across UK industry, AREVA RMC’s team of Chartered Ergonomists and Human Factors specialists have extensive experience in supporting projects across the safety case and design lifecycles. Considering all aspects of human performance, normal operations, fault diagnosis and recovery, maintenance activities, and emergency arrangements, we work collaboratively with site licensees to ensure a full understanding of our clients and their regulatory requirements.
What do we offer?
Applying proven Human Factors data collection methods and assessment techniques, our team is specifically able to assess and support the following areas:

- Human Factors Integration in Equipment, Work Space/Workplace, and Procedure Design;
- Training and Competency Assurance;
- Environmental Ergonomics;
- Use of Personal Protection and Respiratory Protection Equipment;
- Safety Management Systems;
- Organisation and Management and Safety Culture;
- Teamwork and Communications;
- Human Reliability Analysis;
- Verification and Validation;
- Independent Peer Review;
- Human Factors Training;
- Nuclear and radiological Hazard Assessment.

Why choose AREVA RMC?
AREVA RMC offers a systematic and comprehensive understanding of the factors that affect human performance, optimizing the safety and working environment of each individual facility. The practical, hands-on approach of our highly-experienced team centres around a comprehensive and independent Human Factors review of facility design and the role of the operator, identifying any opportunity to reduce risk for our clients.

We also deliver a range of Human Factors training to a number of clients across the sector in Human Factors and Human Reliability Assessment, including bespoke courses.

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