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Dear Chief Executive Officer,

This letter is to notify you that WANO has issued a minor revision to the Performance Objectives and Criteria (PO&Cs) document, which is now available on the WANO member website at the following location: <https://members.wano.org/news-and-updates/revision-to-po-cs>. This minor revision replaces the three current PO&Cs that address Emergency Preparedness (EP.1 through EP.3) with three new PO&Cs that address Emergency and Severe Accident Response (a revised EP.1 through EP.3). This change will be reflected in peer reviews used for operating plant and corporate peer reviews across all WANO regions as of 1 January 2019. A document describing best techniques for how to review the new PO&Cs is also available on the WANO member website: <https://members.wano.org/news-and-updates/revision-to-po-cs>.

The revised performance objectives were developed in response to a recommendation of the Post-Fukushima Commission. Specifically, to “Expand the scope of WANO peer reviews to include severe accident management, including procedures, training, and readiness”. Several improvements were already incorporated into the Emergency Preparedness (EP) PO&Cs in the 2013 revision; however, the working group determined that additional criteria specific to Severe Accident Mitigation (SAM) were also warranted. Therefore, a working group with representatives of all four of the WANO regional centres was formed to determine the best way to proceed. Working in collaboration with member stations and with other like-minded nuclear industry groups, the revised EP.1, EP.2, and EP.3 PO&Cs were drafted, shared again with a representative group of industry members for review and comments, and finally endorsed by the Directors of all WANO Regional Centres.

WANO will follow a change management plan for the implementation of the revised Performance Objectives and Criteria. This plan includes communications that discuss the changes to the document. The date chosen for implementing the revised PO&Cs is to ensure adequate time is available for peer review teams to be fully prepared to review them, and for stations to review the new EP.1 through EP.3. Additional training or information you may desire is available from your regional centre.

We appreciate the thoughtful input and support provided from the industry in developing this revision to the Performance Objectives and Criteria. To reiterate, the vast majority of the current 2013 version of the Performance Objectives and Criteria remains unchanged and will continue to remain in effect. The only change stemming from the minor revision is that the previous three EP Performance Objectives will be replaced with the three new Performance Objectives as of 1 January 2019.

If you have questions or comments regarding the revision or its implementation, please contact me on peter.prozesky@wano.org, or Alan Smith, WANO Peer Review Programme Director, on alan.smith@wano.org.

Yours sincerely,



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