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Although persons in charge of radiation protection are allocated originally for every nuclear facility in Sweden, it has a system by which at the time of periodical inspection, consulting companies temporarily supplement radiation protection engineers, who are classified into Categories A, B and C, respectively. An RP-Officer (radiation protection senior administrator) of nuclear facility is equivalent to Category A in a consulting company, and an RP-Technician (radiation protection engineer) is equivalent to Categories B and C.

Each consulting company possesses its own original educational menu, and a unified educational and training program was sought after in order to ensure a certain standard of technical skills.

Therefore, as a result of consultation in 2002 among those in charge of radiation protection from both nuclear facilities and consulting companies, it was decided that both sides would jointly engage in the formulation of an educational and training program for senior administrators and engineers of radiation protection. A joint working group was started in 2003 and menus corresponding to respective levels were formulated.

Among the future tasks to meet the prospective needs can be the expansion of the work force of senior level engineers, the entry of younger generations, and the promotion of training.

