

# Underwater Diving Remote Monitoring Implementation

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- ✓ **Initiating Event**
- ✓ **Corrective Actions Identified**
- ✓ **Vendor Selected**
- ✓ **Technician and Diver Classroom Training**
- ✓ **Diving Mock-up Training**
- ✓ **Industry Lessons Learned**

- ✓ Kernkraftwerk Leibstadt (KKL)
- ✓ August 31<sup>st</sup> 2010 RFO26
- ✓ Diver Performing Planned Maintenance
- ✓ Diver Identified an object
  - Dive supervisor authorized diver to retrieve item
  - Item dose rate was in excess of 10,000 rem/hr (100Sv/h)
  - Exposure individual received
    - 2.800 rem (28 mSv) WB
    - 750 rem (7500 mSv) extremity

## ✓ Lessons Learned

- Historical loss of highly active material (dry tube)
- No radiation survey performed during the dive
- EPD alarm was not heard because of dive suit air flow
- Did not use remote telemetry on the diver

## ✓ Corrective Actions

- Dry tubes will be contained prior to movement
- A formal procedure for material removal developed
- Dive procedure rewritten with regulator approval
- Survey requirements enhanced
- Requirement for underwater Telemetry instituted

## ✓ Mirion Technologies (MGPI) Inc.

- Integrated package Implemented
- Remote monitoring software: WinWRM2
- 2 IMUX Transmitters: up to 8 dosimeters
- 4 iPAM alarming vibrating units
- 12 DMC-2000S electronic dosimeters
- Hard wired active dive antenna
- Classroom training for technicians and technical staff
- Dive mock-up training at diving company's facility



- ✓ iMUX Transmitter
- ✓ Supports up to 8 dosimeter to extremity locations
- ✓ iMUX Transmits to Active Dive Antenna



- ✓ WinWRM2 software
- ✓ Technician interface
- ✓ Real time dose and dose rate monitoring
- ✓ Visual and audio alarms

- ✓ DMC-2000 electronic dosimeters connect to the iMUX Transmitter





- ✓ Active Dive Antenna (ADA)
- ✓ iMUX Transmits to ADA
- ✓ 100' dive cable to connected to Active Dive Repeater, powers ADA.



- ✓ iPAM-Tx transmitter
- ✓ Secondary backup
- ✓ Vibrating Personal Module



- ✓ Active Dive Repeater
- ✓ Receives signal from Active Dive Antenna
- ✓ Provides input to the WinWRM2 remote monitoring software



## ✓ Vendor Led Instruction

- Component familiarization and operation
- Software training: WinWRM2
- Plant dive procedure
- Dosimetry Set-up
- Diver Information input to remote monitoring software
- Initial diver dress-out
- Troubleshooting



- ✓ Equipment set-up
- ✓ Final instruction
- ✓ System testing prior to dive vest placement

- ✓ Initial diver dressout
  - iMUX with comfort lanyard





## ✓ Diver dress out

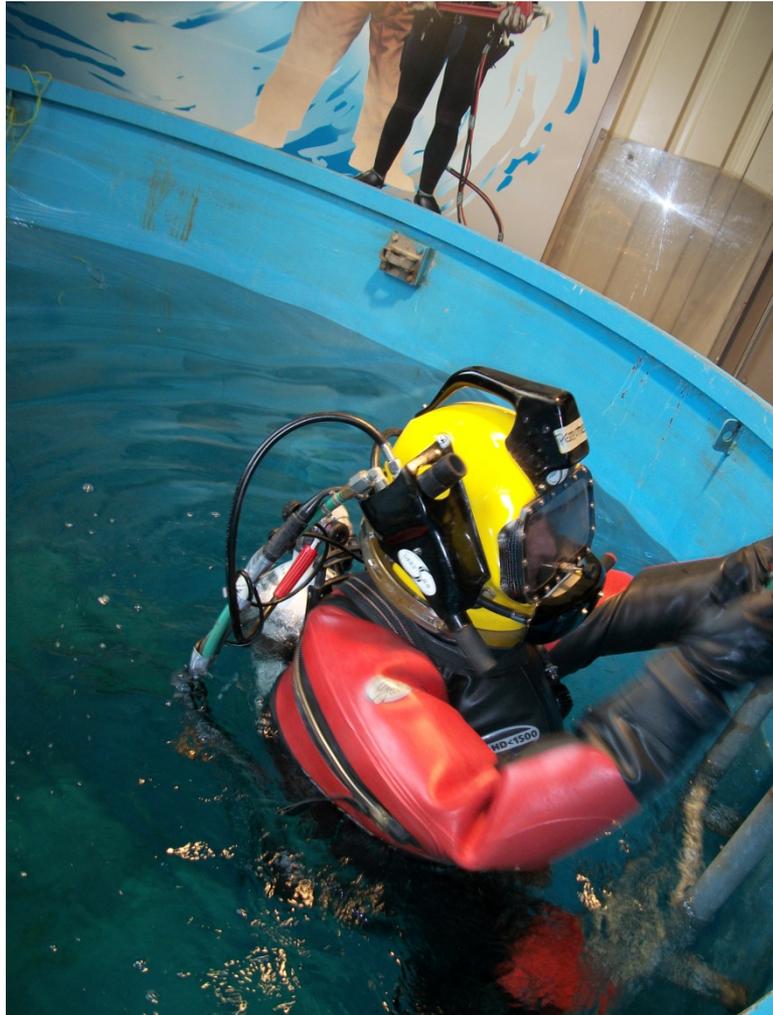
- iMUX transmitter
- 5 dosimeter locations
- Right and left arm
- Right and left leg
- Chest



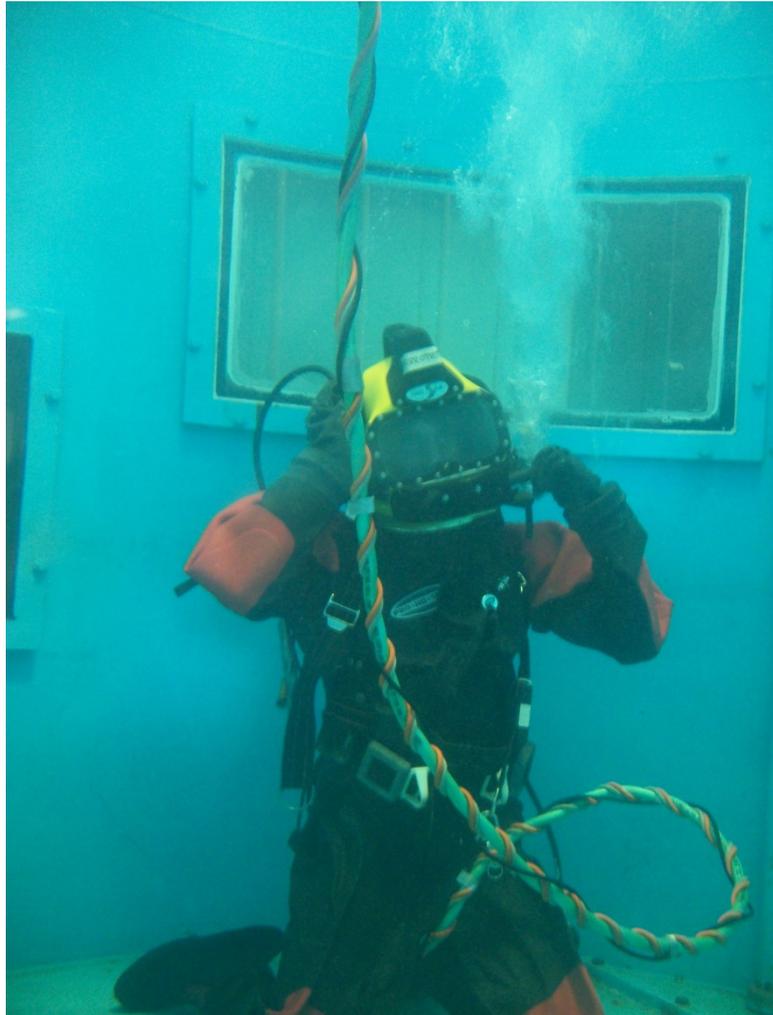
- ✓ Divemaster preparing diver



- ✓ Dive helmet
- ✓ Final dry checks of dosimetry transmissions



- ✓ Diver entering mock-up dive tank



- ✓ Diver testing comfort of iMUX and electronic dosimetry



- ✓ Post dive equipment removal

- ✓ Excellence in Control Of Under Water Activities
  - Procedure containing the following aspects
    - Clear Roles and Responsibilities
    - Constant communication capability between diver, dive supervisor and radiation protection personnel
    - Requirement for physical diver restriction (tether/underwater screen)
    - Detailed survey of underwater radiological conditions prior to dive evolution
    - Multiple dosimetry with remote monitoring by radiation protection personnel
    - Underwater survey instrumentation with remote readout to supporting RP personnel for surveying periodically
    - Clear stop work criteria with all personnel possessing stop work authority

- ✓ Lessons Learned from the International Community
  - 2003 ISOE Benchmark of Oskarsham / Forsmark
    - ✓ Testing of stellite hard-faced valves for elemental cobalt after maintenance.
  - 2007 ISOE Benchmark of Sizewell B
    - ✓ End Of Cycle (EOC) Boron.
  - 2009 ISOE Benchmark of DOEL
    - ✓ Shutdown at 2% power then manual insertion of rods (Soft Shutdown)
  - 2010 Benchmark of TEPCO
    - ✓ Reduction from 100 degrees/hr to 50 degrees/hr
    - ✓ Reduced cooldown rates to decrease thermal shock release of activated material

# Questions?