COVID-19: measures implemented by Orano (10 April 2020)

Summary:

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Orano has taken measures to adapt its industrial and commercial operations.

First and foremost, the actions taken by Orano aim at protecting the health of its employees.

Also, Orano is dedicated to contributing to the undisrupted generation of electricity by the secure supply of nuclear materials and nuclear fuel to nuclear power plants in France, in other EU Member States and in EU third countries. For this reason, Orano keeps its Uranium enrichment and recycled nuclear fuel fabrication (MOX) facilities running in an adapted mode. Orano also keeps providing transport solutions for such products. A continuity plan is in place to guarantee the availability of workforce over the course of the crisis. All other non-strategic industrial or commercial activities are reduced or suspended, such as decommissioning projects.

The priority of Orano remains to ensure the highest level of nuclear safety in our facilities: all adaptations to operations with reduced workforce are agreed with the competent national nuclear safety authority.

1. First and foremost, Orano aims at protecting the health of its employees.

- Orano has taken and continuously adapts required measures in line with the evolution of the pandemic and in conformity with the rules enacted by the competent national or local authorities in countries where Orano operates.
- The minimum human resources required for the operation, the safety, the security and the environmental surveillance of our facilities are mobilized. At this stage and depending on the sites, 20% to 40% of our workforce is mobilized on-site.
- Appropriate safeguarding measures for the health of the employees are implemented such as applying social distancing and hygiene protocols based on guidance from health authorities. Teams have implemented rotating schedules and adapted processes to reduce risks. Home working is applied to all employees where possible.
- These measures also apply to subcontractors and suppliers who are active on-site.

2. Orano is dedicated to contributing to the undisrupted generation of electricity.

- Electricity plays an essential role for some critical infrastructures of the economy, including in the public health sector and in the digital sector which are heavily reliant on electricity supplies.
- On average in the EU, nuclear power accounts for more than 25% of the electricity generated.
- Upon request of the French government, Orano's facilities contributing to the generation of electricity by nuclear power plants are kept in operation. This is the case in particular of Orano's Uranium enrichment facility (Tricastin, France), MOX fuel fabrication plant (Melox plant, Marcoule, France). The transport of nuclear materials continues as appropriate. In La Hague, the reception of spent fuels and transfer of recycled materials continues.
- Orano supplies its clients throughout Europe.

3. The priority remains to ensure the highest level of nuclear safety in our facilities

Adapted organizational and operational rules are agreed with the French national safety authority (ASN).
For example, the workforce plans are designed to deal with potential incidental situations.