



# Overview of the National Regulatory Infrastructure EMRC

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# Jordan country profile

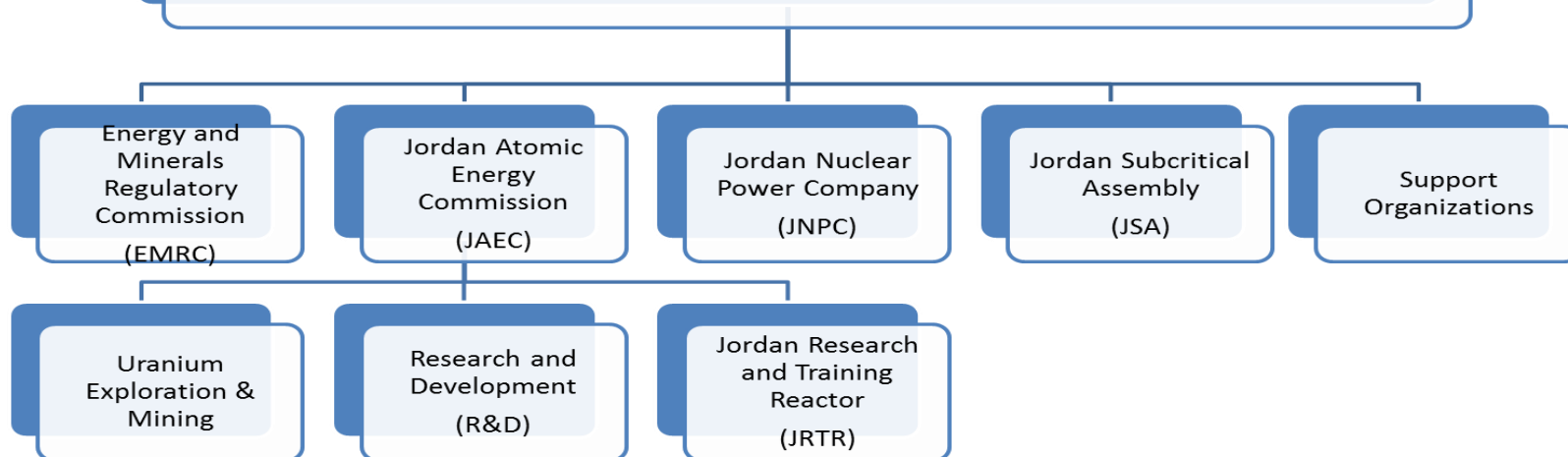


- Jordan's the official name of the Hashemite kingdom of Jordan

It's Located in the middle east and borders Syria , KSA, Palestine , and Iraq.

- Covering 89,342 sq. Km , with a population of 9.6 million (2016), 6.6 million are Jordanian .

# Jordan's Nuclear Energy Programme



2001  
JNEC  
Established

2007 & 2008

- Laws No.42 & 43, JAEC & JNRC

2014

- JNRC Merged with EMRC
- PDA with ROSATOM

2015

- JNPC Established

2016

- JRTR Commissioned

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# Country Projects

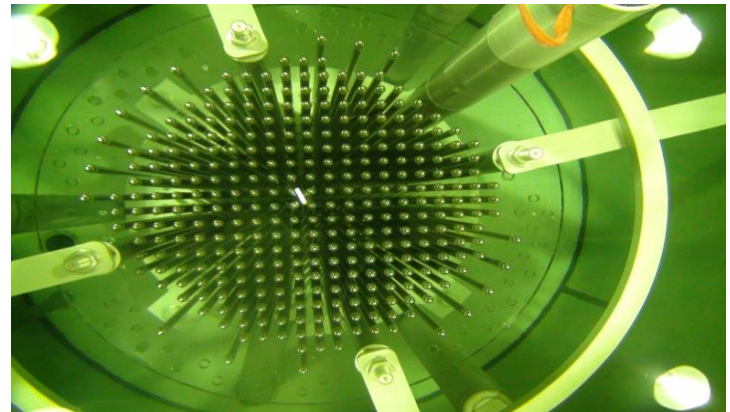
- Subcritical Assembly (JSA)
- Jordan Research and training reactor (JRTR)
- Jordan Ores exploration
- Jordan Nuclear Power Plant (JNPP).





# Jordan Subcritical Assembly Licensing

- Jordan's first Nuclear facility.
- Designed and constructed for the purpose of education, training, and experimental research.
- Inherently safe
- Design Specifications:
  - Uranium Fuel(3.4% U-235)
  - Uranium Oxide ( $\text{UO}_2$ ) with Zr-4 cladding
  - Light Water Moderated
  - Sub-critical State ( $k_{\text{eff}} \cong 0.95$ )
- Commissioned in June 2013



# Jordan Research and Training Reactor (JRTR)

- **Overview:**

- Location Jordan University for science and technology JUST (Northern part of Jordan)
- 5-MW upgradeable to 10-MW
- Open pool
- Plate type fuel ( $<20\%$   $U^{235}$ )
- $H_2O$  cooled
- $D_2O$  + Be reflected

- **Applications**

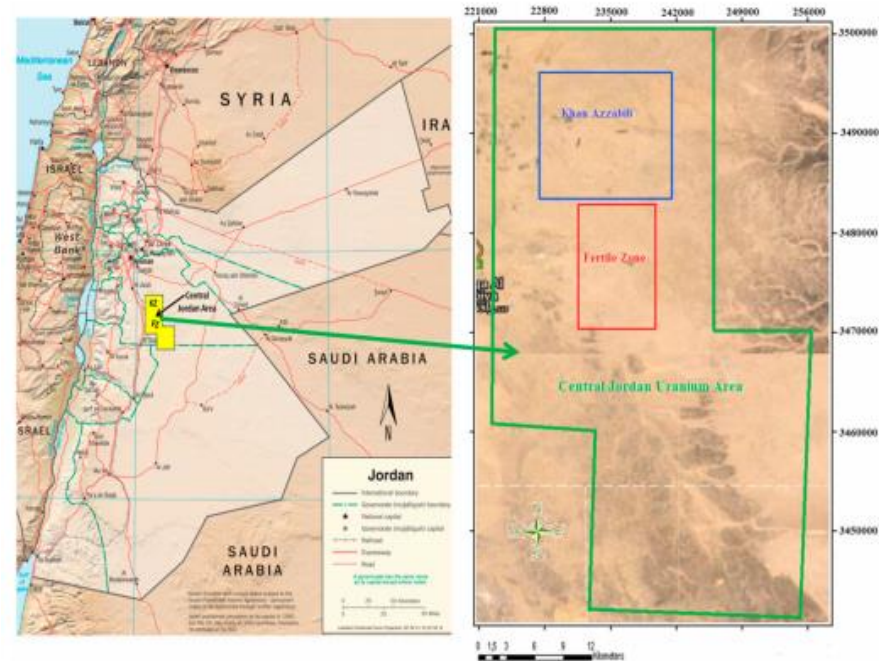
- Neutron Beam Applications
- Radioisotope Production
- Neutron Transmutation Doping
- Neutron Activation Analysis
- Plays the primary role in educating and training the upcoming generations of nuclear engineers and scientists
- Irradiation in support of industrial, agricultural and health/medical infrastructure

- **Operation License Granted Nov 2017**



# URANIUM ORES EXPLORATION

- ❑ Jordan undergo uranium exploration activities in the central and eastern regions of Jordan.
- ❑ Jordan plans to build uranium extraction plant.

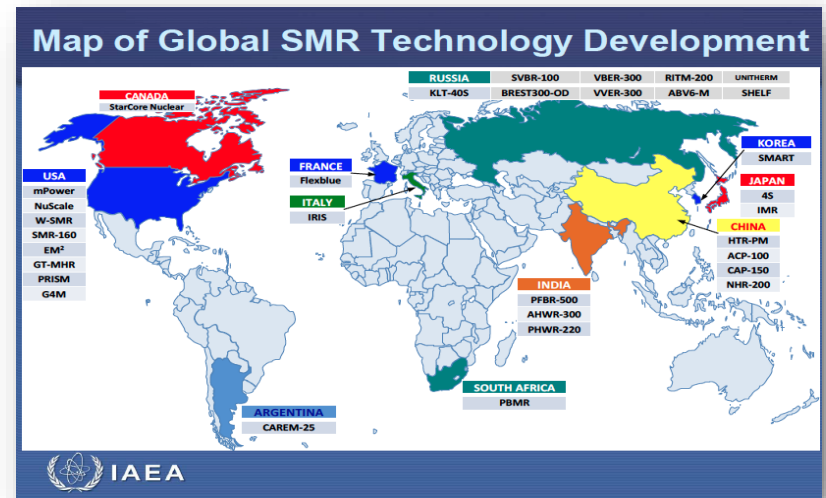






# Jordan Nuclear Power Plant

- In October 2013 RosAtom was selected to be the preferred bidder for Jordan nuclear power plant (as both investor and vendor)
- The NPP will comprise of two 1,000 MW Pressurized Water Reactors, based on the VVER 1000–AES 92 design.
- Site selected to be around 100 km South-East of capital Amman.
- Conducting prefeasibility studies on SMRs<sup>12</sup> (HTGR)





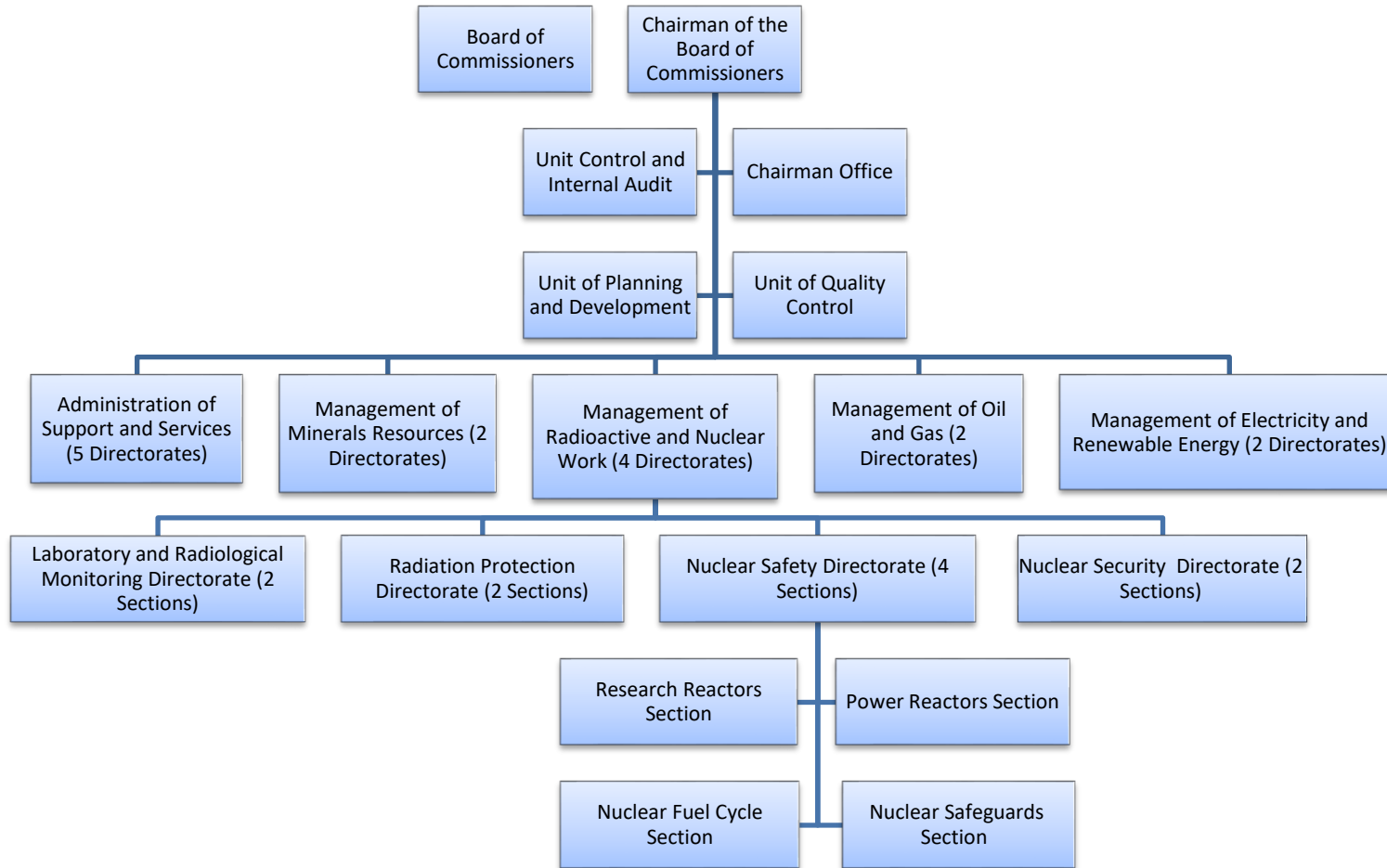
# Legal Framework

- Energy and Mineral Regulatory Commission (EMRC), was established in 2014 as successor to Jordan Nuclear Regulatory Commission (JNRC), in accordance to the Merging Law number (17) for the year 2014.
- EMRC is an independent Regulatory Authority that reports directly to the Prime Minister.
- The current enforced law for Radiation and Nuclear Materials, Facilities and Activities, Radiation Protection, and Nuclear Safety and Security is Law no. (43) for the year 2007 and was revised (a number of Articles was added to accommodate nuclear power program)
- The Government of Jordan prepared a Law “Energy and Minerals Law”. By the new Law, EMRC is to be responsible for the roles of the three sectors i.e. Radiation & Nuclear, Mineral Resources, and Electricity regulation.





# Establishment





# Legal Framework

- More than 70 instructions have been officially issued
- All Regulations & Instructions are in compliance with the IAEA Safety Standards.
- All Regulations & Instruction have been reviewed by the IAEA & EC Experts, and local legal experts.
- EMRC will additionally issue guidelines, where necessary.

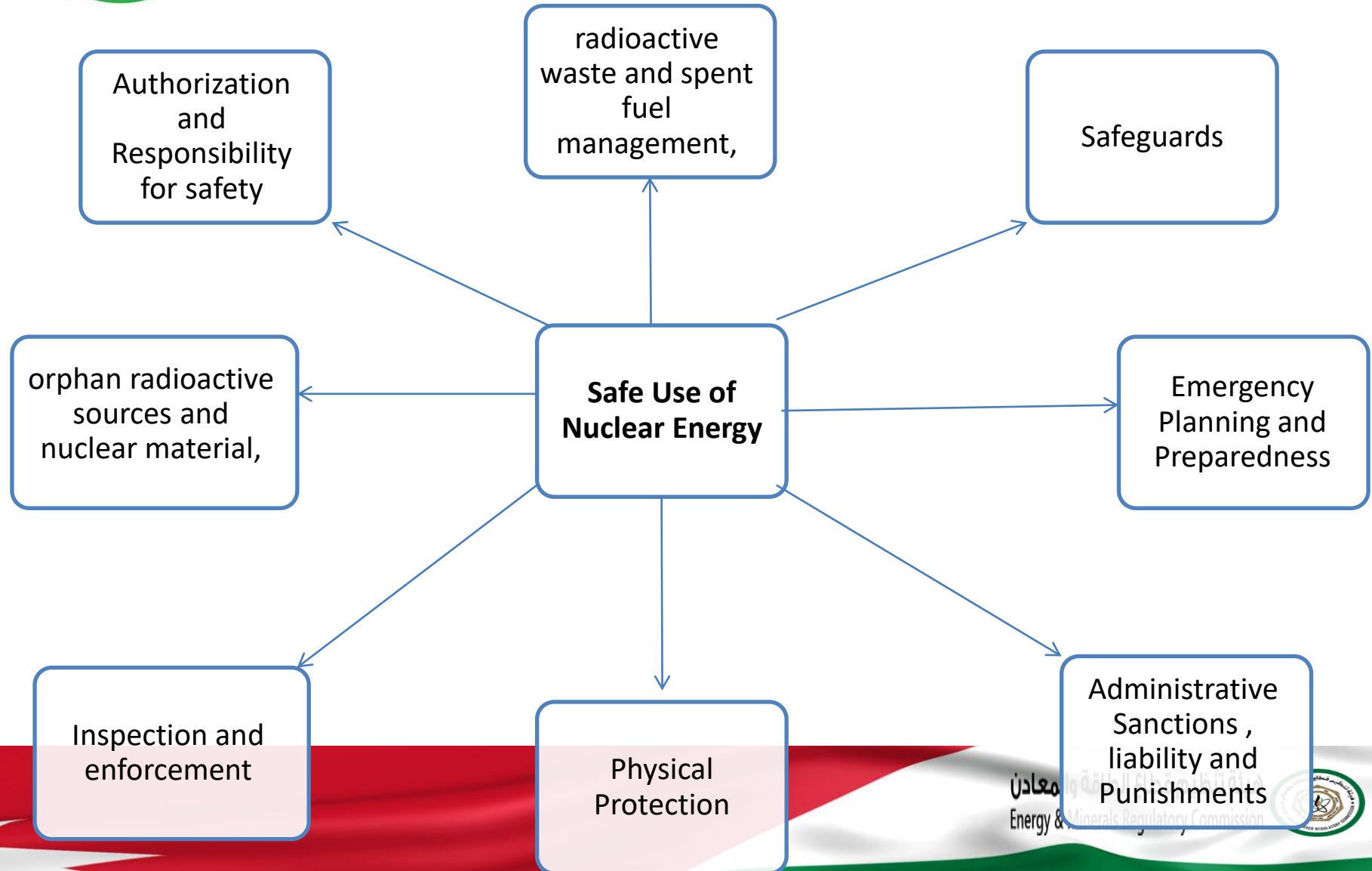


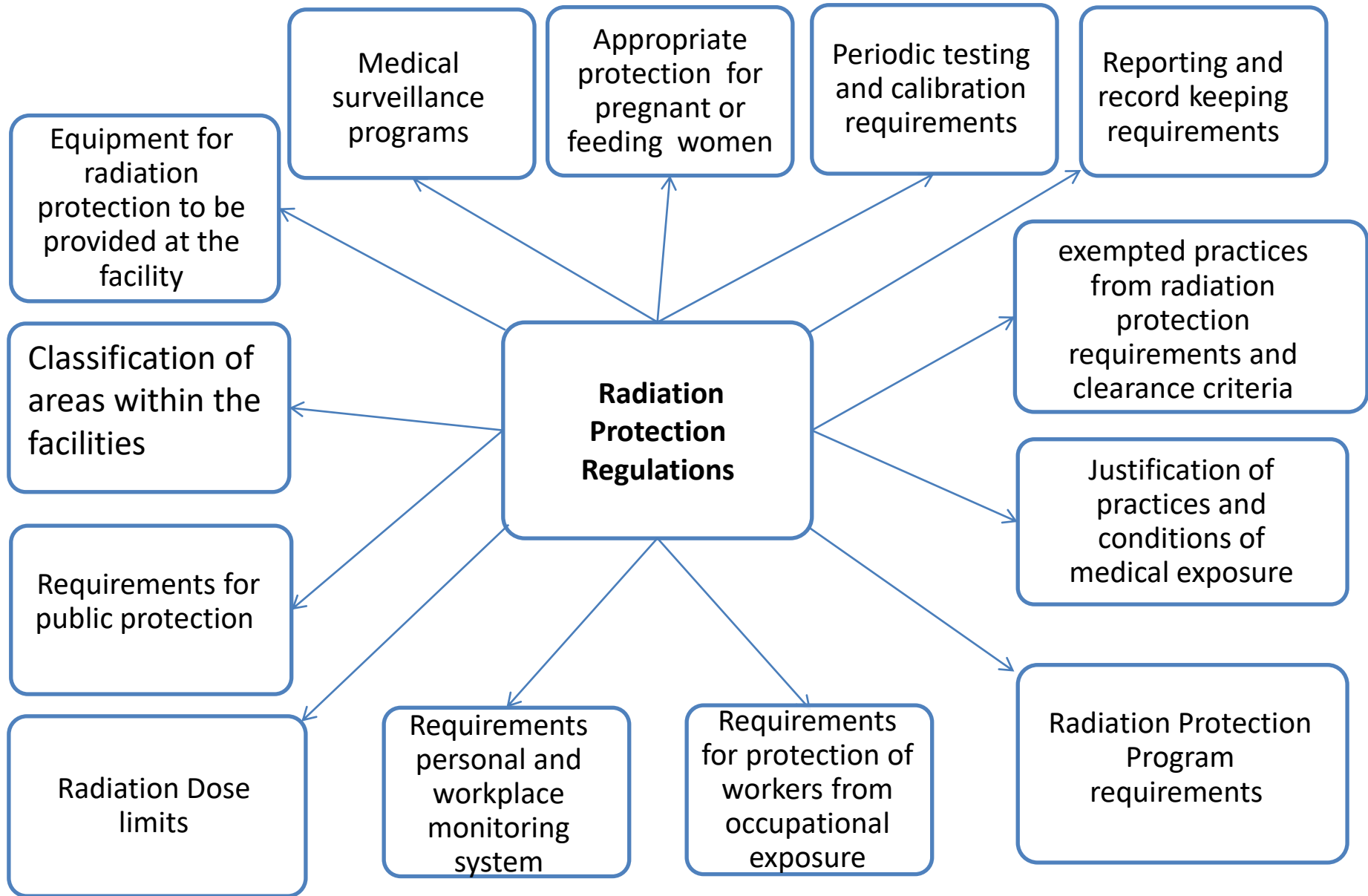


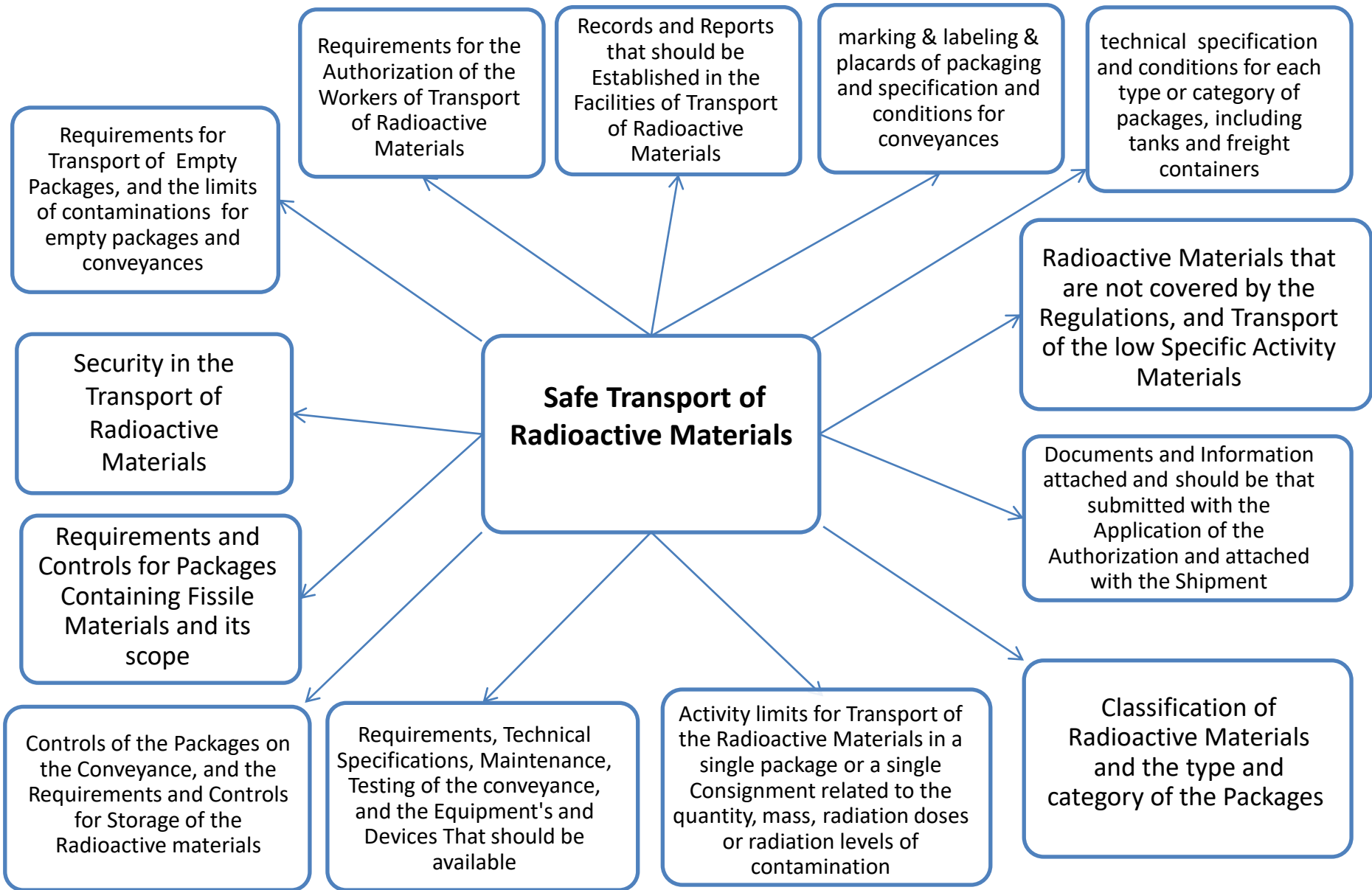


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## JRTR Licensing Steps

- The licensing of the JRTR was based followed the USNRC approach for non-power reactors two steps of licensing (Construction Permit CP and Operation License OL).
- As safety requirements:
  - Local legislative system.
  - IAEA safety standers (NS-R 4 at the time)
  - USNRC NUREG and Reg. Guides (NUREG 1537 part1 and part2).
  - Korean requirements were applied



- **Licensing Steps:**

- The applicant submitted Preliminary Safety Analysis Report (PSAR) for review.
- At the time (JNRC) along with cooperation with KINS had reviewed the PSAR and through rounds of requests of additional information.
- After RAI's responses acceptance and fulfilling the safety requirements EMRC/KINS issued the Safety Evaluation Report (SER) showing the acceptance of the site, design, and SSCs.
- During construction phase pre-operation inspections were conducted (covered structural, electrical, mechanical, I/C aspects along with nuclear components).
- On site inspection, document review vendors inspections.
- Pre-operation inspections also covered the commissioning phase of the facility (cold commissioning, and fuel loading (under special permit), criticality tests and power maneuvers).
- After fulfilling the safety requirements EMRC issued the Operation license for the facility.



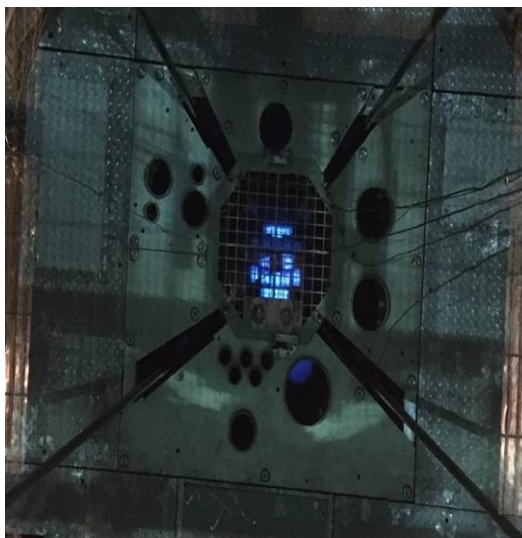
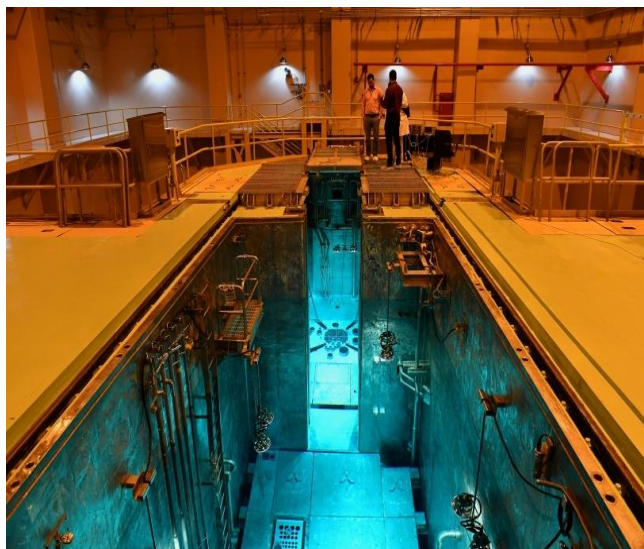
- **Licensing Steps:**

- Along the licensing of the JRTR EMRC requested many IAEA expert missions for support it is decisions.
- EMRC contracted a technical support origination USA AdStm.



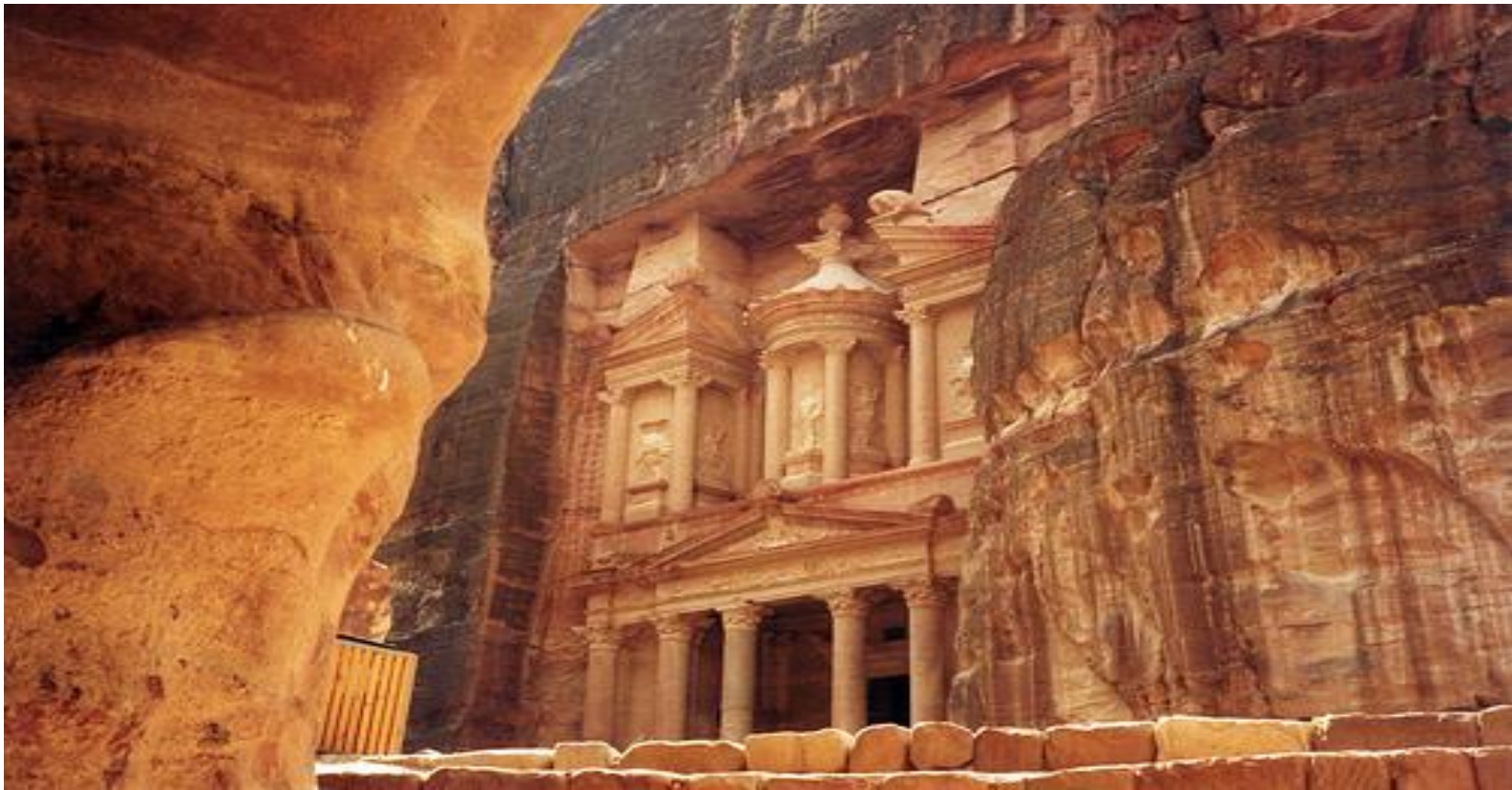


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