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This manual contains **Technical Assessment Guides** (TAGs). These primarily provide guidance to NSD inspectors on the interpretation and application of the SAPs. However, the manual also contains guidance relevant to principles underlining the enforcement of licence condition compliance which supplements the Technical Inspection Guides. Thus, although the manual falls within the scope of the **Assessment** Key Business Activity of the Business Management System it has, in parts, relevance to all inspectors within NSD, regardless of function.

The TAGs found in this manual are a development of earlier Assessment Guides, which had been under preparation for several years prior to the creation of the BMS plus several recent additions.

The TAGs provide guidance in particular technical areas, and they are to be used at the discretion of inspectors. General guidance on the assessment process will be found elsewhere in the Business Management System.

Responsibility for the maintenance of TAGs is shared between NSD's Nuclear Topic Leaders (NTL) and their Nuclear Topic Groups (NTG). The index indicates which TAGs belong to which NTG. Where a TAG is shown to be fully open it is because it has been reviewed by the author and the NTL and its open government status has been confirmed. For TAGs where it has been determined that further work is needed, or resource has yet to be found to carry out the review, they have been identified as closed under the COP on Open Government.