

ISO 9001 Certification: The New Nuclear Safety Benchmark

Purdue's lab earns globally recognized quality seal for nuclear-grade research.

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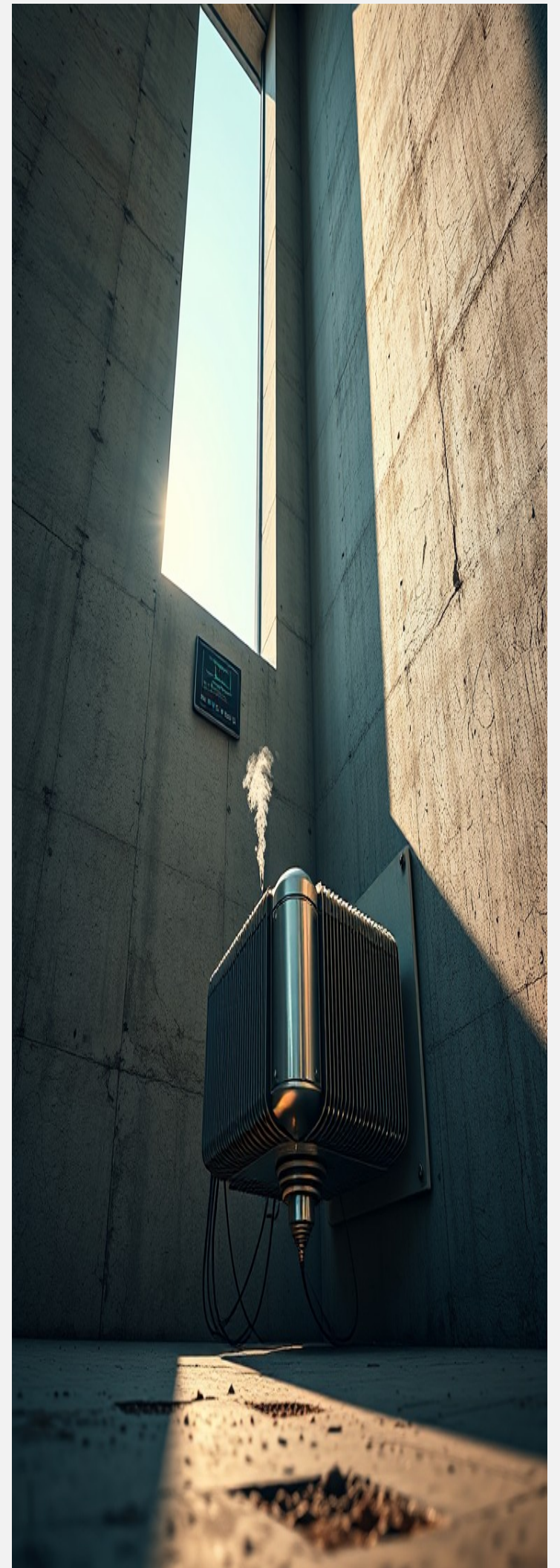
Quality Management Certification

Awarded to Purdue's Robert L. and Terry L. Bowen Laboratory for Large-Scale Civil Engineering Research by BSI.

This certification is not just a procedural formality—it is a globally recognized standard for quality management systems (QMS) that ensures consistency, traceability, and regulatory compliance in high-risk environments. For nuclear energy applications, where failure is not an option, such certification signals that research protocols are not only rigorous but also auditable and repeatable across time and teams.

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Certification as a Safety Case Enabler

In nuclear licensing, the burden of proof lies with demonstrating that systems are not only designed safely but also tested and operated under verifiable, repeatable standards. ISO 9001 certification provides a documented, third-party-verified foundation for the safety case, reducing regulatory uncertainty and accelerating approval timelines for new reactor designs and SMR prototypes. It shifts the conversation from 'Is this safe?' to 'Can we prove it is safe, every time?'



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From Lab to License: The Digital Twin Pathway

The Bowen Laboratory's certification enables seamless integration of physical testing data into digital twins for reactor components. With a validated QMS, data from seismic, thermal, and impact tests can be confidently used to train AI models that predict material degradation, structural fatigue, and failure modes. This creates a closed-loop feedback system where real-world validation strengthens predictive models, and models guide future testing—accelerating innovation while maintaining regulatory credibility.

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