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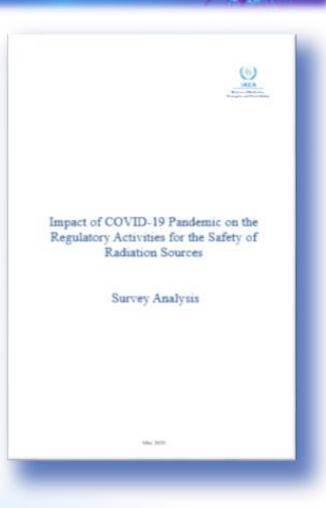
Impact of COVID-19 Pandemic on the **Regulatory Activities for the Safety** of Radiation Sources

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- Participating Countries;
- Potential Safety Risks;
- Reactions, Examples ;
- Future Actions and Recommendations.





Purpose of the Survey

The main Purposes are :





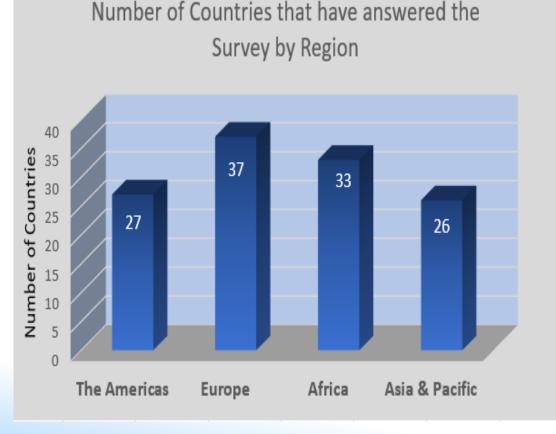
- To have a first insight about the impact of restrictions on regulatory activities regarding the radiation sources;
- To have an overview of the reactions of regulatory authorities;
- To understand the impact of the pandemic on the IAEA Safety Standards through Member States;
- To collect good practices and learned lessons, where applicable.



Participating Countries



- Regulatory Authorities from 123 Member States responded the survey



Albania, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Bahamas, Kingdom of Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados. Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Canada, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Republic of Congo, Costa Rica, Cote d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ecuador, Egypt, England, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Ghana, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Iran, Irag, Ireland, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Republic of Korea, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxemburg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Ireland, Northern Macedonia, Norway, Kingdome of Saudi Arabia, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Qatar, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, United Sates of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, and Zimbabwe.



Potential Safety Risks (1)





30% of the countries reported a reduction in the current budget and a request for staff reduction in the coming years. 85% of the countries showed a reduction in regulatory activities. (crisis situation)



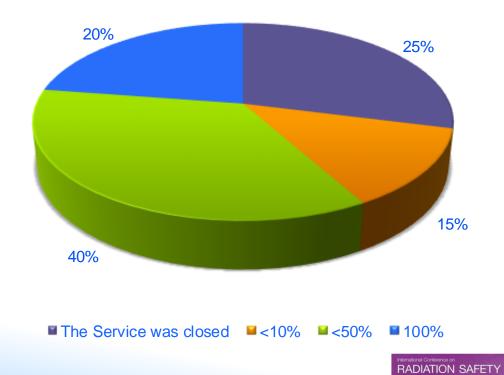


Potential Safety Risks (2)

In emergency periods, the "critical infrastructure" should include the availability of relevant technical radiation safety services (dosimetry - environmental monitoring – calibration - maintenance - training)

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What percentage of staff is providing services during the COVID-19 quarantine?





Potential Safety Risks (3)



- Several Member States reported:
- Reduced operator capabilities to ensure sources safety (reduced working hours and decreased staff due to lack of work);
- Bankruptcy of companies and the increase in the appearance of orphan sources,





Potential Safety Risks (4)



Several Member States reported (cont.):

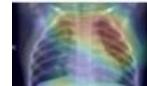
- Non-justified and non-optimized medical exposures,
- Different working conditions regarding the approved Safety Assessment and the authorization requirements.

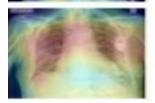
High Increase of Chest X-Rays





Healthy predictions





Pneumonia predictions

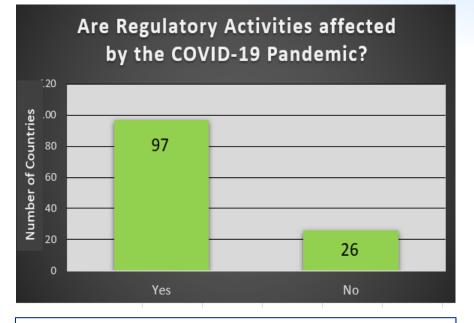
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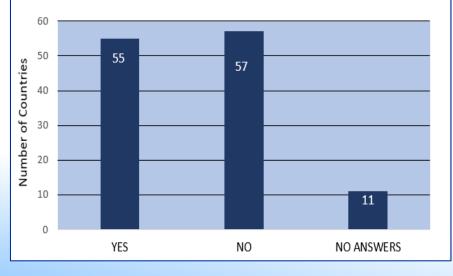
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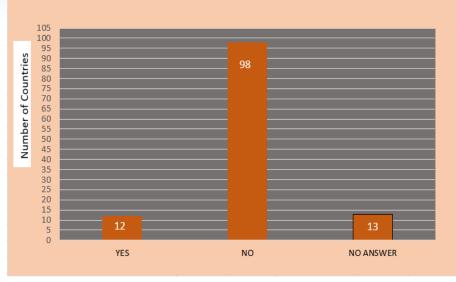
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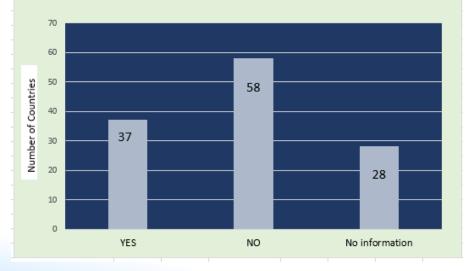


Is Authorization fully Implemented?





Are there any delays in the shipment of radiopharmaceuticals?



Is Inspection Plan fully Implemented?

General Reactions



Work from home with remote connection to the office;

Communication (COVID-19 advice and guidance) to stakeholders;

Graded approach: prioritization of regulatory activities;

Authorization (new procedures, remote working, extension of validity, etc.);



Remote inspections: use of photos and videos through WhatsApp in coordination with the Radiation Protection Officers.



WhatsApp

Search for orphan sources





Reactions:

Georgia

13-17 May 2020, Georgia: Authority inspectors take the opportunity of the Tbilisi underground lockdown to search for orphan sources. Smoke detectors were found and stored safely.





Reactions: Continuity of inspections



Brazil

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Despite the limitations imposed by the COVID-19 CNEN pandemic, CNEN conducts inspections to ensure the radiological safety of facilities that use nuclear technology

radiativas, avaliando a seguranca radiológica através de inspeções regulatórias. O objetivo é manter o controle das instalações que manipulam e armazenam fontes de radiação.

No dia 30 de abril uma equipe da Coordenação-Geral de Instalações Médicas e Industriais (CGMI), vinculada à Diretoria de Radioproteção e Segurança Nuclear (DRS) da CNEN, realizou uma inspeção no terminal de cargas (TECA) do aeroporto Juscelino Kubitschek, em Brasília. Este local é autorizado pela CNEN para armazenar, em caráter temporário, materiais e fontes radiativas empregadas principalmente na medicina e indústria. A equipe também inspecionou dependências destinadas a armazenamento de fontes na Universidade de Brasília (UNB), para verificar a adequação e segurança do local.

Mais recentemente, no dia 5 de maio, servidores da CGMI também realizaram inspeção em um serviço de Medicina Nuclear de Brasília. O objetivo era verificar se a instalação operava em conformidade com os requisitos preconizados nas normas da CNEN. Os fiscais avaliaram in loco os parâmetros necessários para autorizar a operação.

Em que pesem as dificuldades impostas pela necessidade de distanciamento social, inspeções como estas precisam ser realizadas. Tratam-se de ações obrigatórias, essenciais e especializadas, que garantem a segurança radiológica desses locais, permitindo que os trabalhadores e indivíduos do público possam circular nestes espaços e usufruir dos benefícios das aplicações da energia nuclear.



Profissionais da CNEN em inspeção de instalação da área médica.



Reactions: Information to the Public CONSEJO DE SEGURIDAD NUCLEAR CSN Nuclear safety Radiation protection Emergency response Publications CSN > CSN News > Noticias > 2020 A+ A-The Plenary 2020 Spain Functions 2020 Strategic plan 08 June 2020 Organization chart Human resources CSN actions during the COVID-19 crisis Economic and financial activity Regulation Relations with the Parliament Relations with other institutions Advisory Committee R&D OF IPEN International Portal de Ote РУССКАЯ ВЕРСИЯ 🛔 🔣 🛔 SITE SEARCH SEARCH FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL, **CSN** News INDUSTRIAL AND NUCLEAR SUPERVISION SERVICE OF RUSSIA Transparencia COMUNICADO - AMPLIACIÓN DE ATENCIÓN EN LA MESA DE PARTES VIRTUAL DE LA OTAN ROSTECHNADZOR BASIC ACTIVITIES OF ROSTECHNADZOR STRUCTURE HISTORY NEWS LIBRARY INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION REGULATORY FRAMEWORK Peru REGIONAL News DEPARTMENTS 04.06.2020 +LOOK AT Rostechnadzor Took Part in the 47th Meeting of IAEA Commission on Safety Standards ROSTECHNADZOR IN THE CONTEXT OF CO The 47th meeting of the IAEA Commission on Safety Standards (CSS) was held on AUTORIDAD NACIONA COUNTERACTION June 4 2020 in the format of video conference. Deputy Rostechnadzor Chairman Alexey Ferapontov, the CSS standing member for the Russian Federation, took part Russia in the meeting. Read more \rightarrow regulators of BRICS Countries «Effective Industrial que limitan paralalmente la libre cisulación de las personas en nuestro territorio nacional internario y cuadación y cuadación en eservicimento social comparato de el para las funcionas de las menoses en cuestro territorio nacional a tratoma a las cuancios y cuadación en general que, a partir el al comisicios en de juno, se enciciará la atención de la Oficina Técnica de la Autoridad Nacional - OTAN, para tados las trámites establecidas en las procedimientos administrativos señalados en el TUPA vigente, con afety Regulation as an Element of Stability of 04.06.2020 National Economy* Rostechnadzor Took Part in 43rd Meeting of NEA Committee on Nuclear - La documentación debe ser remitida de forma vitual en formato PDF, al comeo <u>stantipunação en</u> dándose trámite a los especientes que publico exigicas en el TUPA del PEN actualmente vigente. Asimismo, de conformidas con los señados en artículo 3 a del Deveto (espador o Vertura en la director en el artículo 302 de la Ley M 27444, os usuanos deberán manteritora su consteminator expreso des en antificados visionmente en la director en el artículo 302 de la Ley M 27444, os usuanos deberán antificator su consteminator expreso des en antificados visionmente en la director esta en artículo 302 de la Ley M 27444, os usuanos deberán antificator su consteminanten expreso des en antificados visionmente en la director de la consteminación de la consta de la consteminación de la consta de la consteminación de la constenio as encos de la constenio a constenio a constenio as esca de la consta de la constenio en la director de la constenio a constenio a la constenio as esca de la consta de la constenio a constenio a constenio a constenio a constenio aconstenio aconstenio aconstenio aconstenio a la constenio aconstenio aconsteni **Regulatory Activities** Publications and Presentations ublic Chamber Holds Hearings on Reforms of Rostechnadzor Control and itido el expediente que inicio su solicitud administrativo ante la OTA On June 2 and 3, 2020, the 43rd meeting of the Committee on Nuclear Regulatory 2. El torario de recepción y registro de documentos de la Meso de Partes Virtual será de 08:30 a 16:30 de Lunes a Viennes, precisándose que los documentos remitidos fuera de dictitorar serán registrados el primer ala hábil siguiente. upervisory Activities ----Activities (CNRA) of the Nuclear Energy Agency of the Organisation for Economic umentación que alo origen al trámite correspondiente, debe ser posteriormente presentada en forma física para su regularización ante la Mesa de Partes de OTAN, en d en que se reinicie la atención presencial en dicha Oficin. Co-operation and Development was held via video conference with Rostechnadzor Irina SOKOLOVA Results of IAEA IRRS Follow-up Mission Conducted cación de la aprobación y certificación de los trámites tolicitados, será efectuada de manera vírtual a la r luego canjeadas por los documentos físicos, de ser requerido, en cuanto se reinició la atención presencial en i Deputy Chairman Alexey Ferapontov taking part. Read more \rightarrow at Rostechnadzor in November 2013 Head of International Relations Department 5.- En los próximos alas se estará comunicando la forma, los días y el horario en que se brindará de forma except de la Autoridad Nacional.

San Boria, 09 de junio de 202

Authorities used their websites to upload responses about COVID-19, to announce new guides and to give advice.





Authorization of facilities





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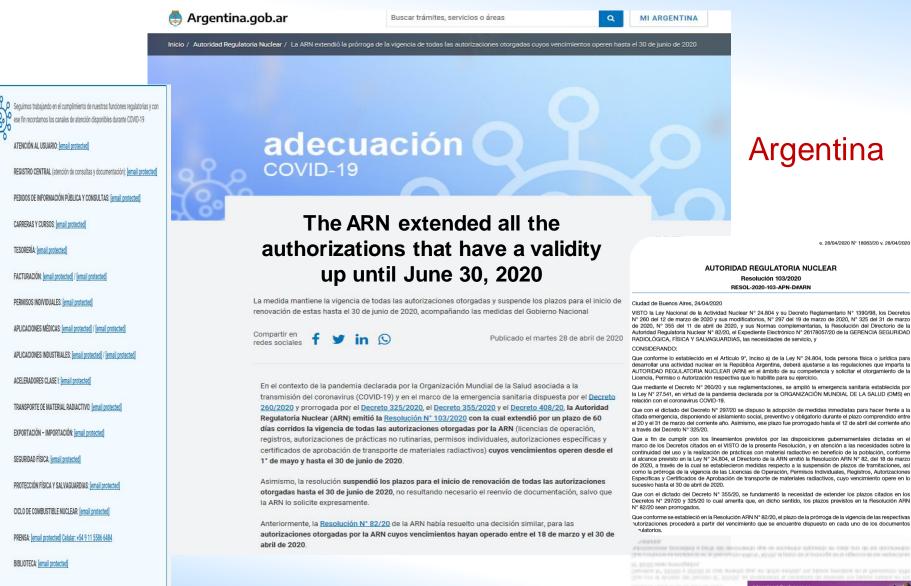
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Extension of validity

Reactions





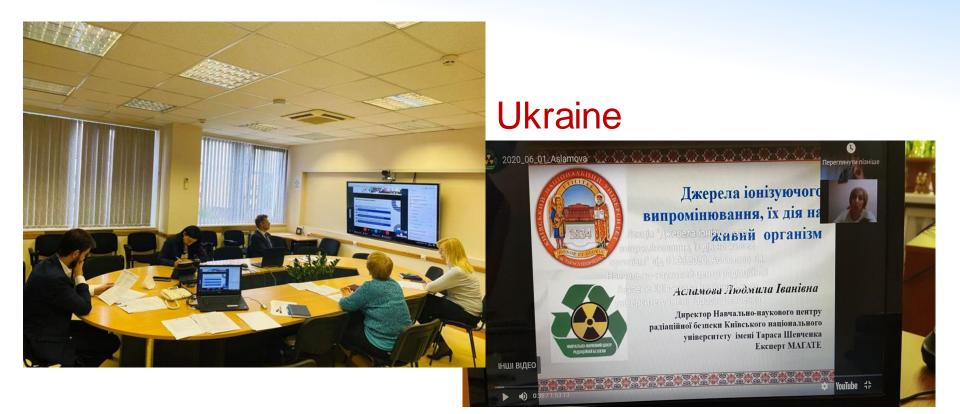
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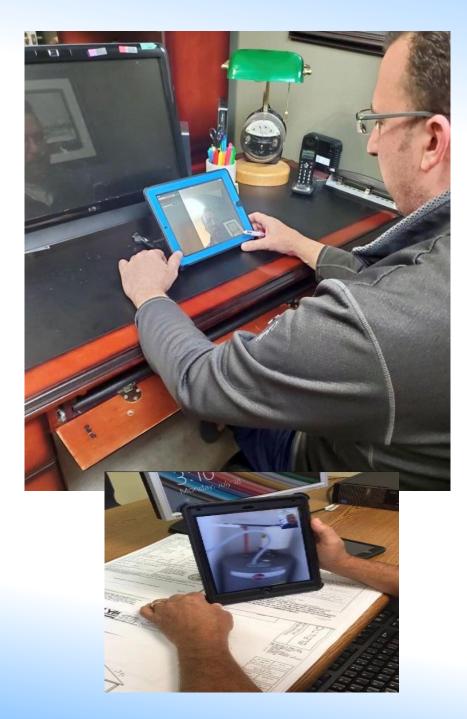
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May 2020: Remote Meeting of the Board of Directors and the officials of the Regulatory Authority.





Reactions:



Virtual Inspections

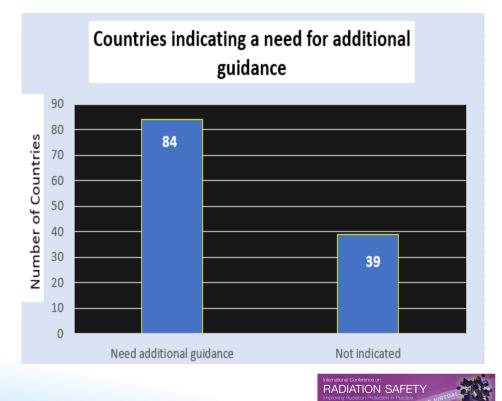
In Ireland, the regulatory body moved to a new virtual inspection system.

For the first time ever, inspections are being carried out virtually. The pandemic has forced the EPA to be innovative as we deliver on our role" David Pollard, Programme Manager for Radiation and Waste Enforcement-Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).



Recommendations to the IAEA

- IAEA
- To provide guidance about regulatory activities in the crisis (pandemic / medical emergency / quarantine / social restrictions);
- To develop recommendations about specific radiation safety measures to apply during a pandemic situation;
- The Management Systems of the Regulatory Authorities must consider these special conditions as threats;
- To manage limited financial resources, both from Regulatory Authorities and from end-users.



Future Actions



- IAEA internal discussions about the survey results,^{AEA} and discussions with the Technical Committees (NUSSC), (RASSC), (WASSC), (TRANSSC), (ERNSSC), (CSS);
- Consulting with all regions regulatory experts to discuss the results in depth.
- Creation of new Guides. (Gap Analysis TRS)



DG's Introductory Statement to the BoG, 15 June: We conducted a survey on the Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Regulatory Activities for the Safety of Radiation Sources. More than 90 Regulators responded and suggested additional safety guidance to be provided by the Agency. We will share the results of the survey with Member States.

IAEA DG Grossi







Visibility



- Survey published in IAEA press website
- Report link: (https://www.iaea.org/topics/radiation-sources)
- Web article (https://www.iaea.org/newscenter/news/regulators-use-innovative-methods-toassess-safety-of-radiation-sources-during-covid-19-pandemic-iaea-survey-finds

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Regulators Use Innovative Methods to Assess Safety of Radiation Sources during COVID-19 Pandemic, **IAEA Survey Finds**

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