



Technical Meeting on Developing Strategies for the Management of Small Radioactive Waste Inventories

Virtual Event

8-12 November 2021

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Information Sheet

Introduction

Radioactive materials are widely used in IAEA Member States for peaceful purposes and the resulting radioactive waste must be managed safely and securely. This requires the formulation and implementation of waste management programmes that have Government support and reflect the provision of suitable infrastructure, adequate funding, dedicated human skills and comprise technically feasible solutions. All of these elements contribute to safe and secure radioactive waste management, but they must all be directed strategically in order to gain stakeholder acceptance and hence have a chance for success.

A policy for radioactive waste management is a set of goals or requirements and it is one of the tools to assure the safe, technically optimal and cost-effective management of radioactive waste. Policy is mainly established by the national government and may become codified in the national legislative system, sometimes it may be elaborated in several different strategy components. Based on different international recommendations and conventions, the countries are advised to formulate appropriate policies and strategies.

It is evident that countries with small radioactive waste inventories tend to have different challenges from the countries with the nuclear programmes. Taking into account the small scale of usage the radioactive material, policy-making and strategic planning can be often complicated by a combination of the lack of policy decisions, lack of operational end goals, lack of a clear division of responsibilities for regulation and operation, and insufficiency of resources for the implementation of the radioactive waste management programme.

Objectives

The purpose of the event is to elicit international experience on developing strategies for the management of small radioactive waste inventories at the national level. The meeting will provide the opportunity for small inventory countries to share their experiences in tackling the various topics related to radioactive waste management.

Target Audience

Experts and professionals working in radioactive waste management. The audience is expected to provide the presentation on the topic related to three thematical sessions.

Working Language(s)

The working language will be English.

Structure

The meeting will take part virtually in 3 thematical sessions:

- The first session will be addressed to the topics related to decision making on the national level – radioactive waste management policies and organizations involved in that.
- The second session will focus on the technical solutions used in the radioactive waste management.
- The last session will be focusing on the human resources questions as well as specific challenges in research and development.

Participation and Registration

All persons wishing to participate in the event have to be designated by an IAEA Member State or should be members of organizations that have been invited to attend.

In order to be designated by an IAEA Member State, participants are requested to send the **Participation Form (Form A)** to their competent national authority (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) for onward transmission to the IAEA by **15 September 2021**. Participants who are members of an organization invited to attend are requested to send the **Participation Form (Form A)** through their organization to the IAEA by the above deadline.

Selected participants will be informed in due course on the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Participants are hereby informed that the personal data they submit will be processed in line with the [Agency's Personal Data and Privacy Policy](#) and is collected solely for the purpose(s) of reviewing and assessing the application and to complete logistical arrangements where required. Further information can be found in the [Data Processing Notice](#) concerning IAEA InTouch+ platform.

Papers and Presentations

The IAEA encourages participants to give presentations on the work of their respective institutions that falls under the topics listed above.

Participants who wish to give presentations are requested to submit an abstract of their work. The abstract will be reviewed as part of the selection process for presentations. The abstract should be in A4 page format, should extend to no more than 1 page (including figures and tables) and should not exceed 400 words. It should be sent electronically to Ms Merle Lust, the Scientific Secretary of the event (see contact details below), not later than **15 October 2021**. Authors will be notified of the acceptance of their proposed presentations by **31 October 2021**.

In addition, participants have to submit the abstract together with the **Participation Form (Form A)** to their competent national authority (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) or their organization for onward transmission to the IAEA not later than **15 September 2021**.

Venue

The meeting will start on Monday 8 November 2021, and hosted on a virtual platform from IAEA, Austria, through a sequence of virtual sessions scheduled between 8 and 12 November 2021 inclusive. The IAEA meeting organizer will provide further connection details in due time.

Visas

The meeting will be on a virtual platform, this item does not apply.

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Subsequent correspondence on scientific matters should be sent to the Scientific Secretary/Secretaries and correspondence on other matters related to the event to the Administrative Secretary.