

Explanatory Note

Developing an Operator's Response Plan for Radioactive Material in Use and Storage and for Associated Facilities (NST066)

The draft text for review, entitled *Developing an Operator's Response Plan for Radioactive Material in Use and Storage and for Associated Facilities*, was prepared as a draft Technical Guidance document to be issued in the IAEA Nuclear Security Series and has already been reviewed through consultants' meetings, as well as by the Nuclear Security Guidance Committee (NSGC) and Emergency Preparedness and Response Standards Committee (EPRReSC).

The objective of this draft text as accepted by the NSGC and EPRReSC is to provide guidance to States, competent authorities, operators and response organization on developing and maintaining the operator level response plan for nuclear security events involving radioactive material in use and storage and for associated facilities.

Comments are requested in relation to:

- Relevance and usefulness — Are the stated objectives appropriate, and are they met by the draft text?
- Scope and completeness — Is the stated scope appropriate, and is it adequately covered by the draft text?
- Quality and clarity — Does the guidance in the draft text represent the current consensus among specialists in the field, and is it expressed clearly and coherently?
- Appropriateness of guidance on safety–security interfaces — Are the paragraphs of the draft text that address interfaces between safety and nuclear security appropriate?

Comments of an editorial nature will be considered; however, it should be noted that the draft text will be comprehensively edited by the IAEA Secretariat.

Any comments should be made in English, should refer to the relevant paragraph number in the draft text being reviewed, and should propose alternative text where appropriate. Please use the attached Form for Comments to record all comments.

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Any comments should be sent through the established official channels to the responsible IAEA officer by **24 November, 2024**.

