

CONDITIONING OF RADIOACTIVE SOURCES IN MONTENEGRO: AN IAEA INTERREGIONAL TRAINING COURSE



1 From 24 to 26 June 2014, 26 participants from 15 countries were given an overview on options for the safe management of disused sealed radioactive sources of categories 3 to 5 at an interregional training course held in Podgorica, Montenegro. Topics included the life cycle of sources, categorization and technical procedures for conditioning.



2 On the second day of the training participants were able to observe a real-life conditioning operation at Montenegro's national radioactive waste storage facility. Devices containing disused sealed radioactive sources, collected from all over the country, are stored here awaiting further management.



3 At the facility, Croatian radioactive waste management experts contracted by the IAEA demonstrated the conditioning process to the participants, who are involved in their national radioactive waste management programmes.



4 The training course also provided the participants with the opportunity to ask the experts questions and share their experiences. The IAEA regularly organizes training courses of this kind in its Member States through its technical cooperation programme.

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