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Subject: Invitation to a Interregional Workshop on Environmental Impact Assessment for Decommissioning of Nuclear Installations, Ispra, Italy, 1-5 September 2014

Dear National Liaison Officer,

I am pleased to invite you to send nominations of suitable candidates to participate in the above-mentioned workshop under the framework of TC Project INT/9/175 – Promoting safe and efficient cleanup of contaminated facilities and sites. The purpose of the workshop and related information are outlined in the attached Prospectus.

For candidates who are selected by the IAEA, the Agency will cover the cost of return international travel from the home country to Ispra, Italy, and provide Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for the duration of the workshop in line with Agency rules and procedures.

Please submit nominations to the IAEA online through the Technical Cooperation Department's InTouch system (<http://intouch.iaea.org>). Only if this is not possible, nominations may be submitted on the Nomination Form for Meeting/Workshop available on the IAEA website: <http://www.iaea.org/technicalcooperation/How-to-take-part/In-meetings-WS/index.html>. Completed forms should be endorsed by relevant national authorities and sent to the Programme Management Officer for this project, Mr Pavel Yurkin (IAEA Official Fax: +43-1-26007 or E-Mail Official.Mail@iaea.org), through the official channels, i.e. the designated National Liaison Office for IAEA matters, not later than **1 August 2014**.

Yours sincerely,

Manase Peter Salema

Director

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Department of Technical Cooperation

Enclosures: Prospectus
Nomination Form

International Atomic Energy Agency

Interregional Workshop on Environmental Impact Assessment for Decommissioning of Nuclear Installations

PROSPECTUS

Project Number & Title:	INT/9/075: Promoting safe and efficient cleanup of contaminated facilities and sites
Place (City, Country):	Ispra, Italy
Dates:	1-5 September 2014
Deadline for Nominations:	1 August 2014
Organizers:	The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in collaboration with the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission.
Host Country Organizer:	Mr Francesco Basile Joint Research Centre of the European Commission (EC-JRC) Ispra Site Management - Nuclear Decommissioning Unit Via E. Fermi 2749, TP-800 21027 ISPRA (VA) ITALY Email: Francesco.Basile@ec.europa.eu Tel.: +39-0332-785170
Language:	English
Purpose:	The primary objective of this workshop is to provide implementing and regulator organizations with appropriate analytical and project management tools for undertaking and oversight of environmental impact assessments (EIAs) for the decommissioning of nuclear installations.
Expected Output(s):	The workshop will enable the participants to understand the fundamentals of the EIA process, including associated requirements for public involvement and review by the relevant competent authorities.
Scope and Nature:	The workshop will take place over five days and will include training elements, providing:

- Lectures on key topics related to the assessment of radiological and non-radiological impacts from decommissioning of nuclear installations;
- Lectures on procedural aspects of implementing an EIA process for a decommissioning project;
- Interactive group exercises to demonstrate key concepts, methods and tools.

The primary focus of the workshop will be on interactive group exercises, with the time spent on classroom-based lectures being kept to a minimum. The group exercises will involve the identification and assessment of potential impacts for a reference decommissioning project, development of mitigation measures and associated environmental surveillance programmes. This will also require that decisions are made about strategies for decommissioning and associated waste management and the reasons given for selection of a particular strategy.

The following topics will be addressed:

- Legal / regulatory requirements and role of competent authorities;
- Identifying, assessing and managing environmental impacts of decommissioning;
- EIA process and public participation;
- Review of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); and
- Role of strategic environmental assessment for decommissioning and waste management plans and programmes.

IAEA resource documents such as guides, standards and reports available to Member States will be used to support understanding of the effective implementation of EIA for decommissioning projects.

It is anticipated that the workshop instructors will include experienced staff from organizations with a long history of involvement in decommissioning.

Background Information:

Preparation and approval of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is generally an important pre-requisite for obtaining consent to proceed with a decommissioning project. The EIS reports the outcome of the process of assessing and managing the environmental impacts that may result from the project. It also provides a justification for the selected decommissioning and associated waste management strategies and documents the involvement of interested stakeholders, including the general public, in the decision process. This project will assist Member States with limited resources in developing strategies for tackling these issues.

Participation:

The meeting is open to: Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Belarus, Brazil, Bulgaria, Chile, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Egypt, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Kuwait, Latvia, Libya, Lithuania, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Pakistan, People's Republic of China, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Tajikistan, Ukraine, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Vietnam and Zambia.

Participants' Qualifications: The targeted audience for this workshop is project managers, planners and other staff at organizations working on (or eventually to be designated as being responsible for) waste management and decommissioning of nuclear installations (e.g. state or national resource management and regulatory agencies, operators of facilities or research sites, waste management organizations.)

Prior background or familiarity of those areas related to decommissioning or the decommissioning field will be useful for this workshop. The workshop will be designed to ensure that any participant who currently only has a general idea of the EIA process for decommissioning will be able to learn a substantial amount on the details of the process from this workshop. A basic understanding of the fundamentals of decommissioning and radioactive waste management is required. An important characteristic of those attending will be a genuine interest in becoming knowledgeable in the technical area of EIA. In this regard, participants should be either currently active in the field, or from organizations willing to make that commitment on their behalf, and willing to offer their assistance on a timely basis to others in their region with similar needs.

Participants must be nominated by the competent national authority of the Member State and, most specifically, by the Member States' official counterpart for the project.

Nomination Procedure:

Nominations should be submitted to the IAEA online through the Technical Cooperation Department's InTouch system (<http://intouch.iaea.org>). Should this not be possible, nominations should be submitted on the standard IAEA Nomination Form for Meeting/Workshop and National Consultant (available on the IAEA website: <http://www.iaea.org/>). Completed forms should be endorsed by relevant national authorities and returned to the Agency through the official channels, i.e. the designated National Liaison Office for IAEA Matters.

The completed nomination forms should be sent to the Programme Management Officer for this project, Mr Pavel Yurkin, through IAEA Official Fax (+43-1-26007) or E-Mail (Official.Mail@iaea.org), not later than **1 August 2014**. Nominations received after this date or which have not been routed through the established official channels cannot be considered.

Administrative and Financial Arrangements:

Nominating Governments will be informed in due course of the names of the candidates who have been selected and will, at that time, be given full details of the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Selected participants from countries eligible to receive technical assistance will be provided with a round trip economy class air ticket from their home countries to **Italy (Milan)**, and a Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) at the prevailing UN Rate. Shipment of accumulated workshop materials to the participants' home countries is not the responsibility of the IAEA.

The organizers of the workshop do not accept liability for the payment of any

cost or compensation that may arise from damage to or loss of personal property, or from illness, injury, disability or death of a participant while he/she is travelling to and from or attending the meeting, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in nominating participants, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.