



# **Regional Training Course on the Clearance of Radioactive Waste from Regulatory Control**

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## **Information Sheet**

### **A. Purpose**

Based on knowledge derived from the structured presentations and discussions to be provided during the training course, participants will be encouraged to develop strategies for the characterisation and clearance of potentially suitable waste streams, as appropriate for national circumstances. In the longer term, it is expected that Member States will further develop and put into practice plans for radioactive and large volume free releasable waste management, including any initiated as a result of the training course. Consequently, the capacity and capability of Member States for managing and regulating radioactive and conventional waste, potentially suitable for clearance from regulatory control, will be enhanced.

### **B. Working Language(s)**

The working language(s) of the event will be English.

## C. Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after 7 July 2017 will not be considered.

## D. Scope and Nature

The Regional Training Course will include lectures, case studies and structured discussions led by invited external and host country experts. The training course will also include practical class room exercises to allow participants to put into practice the knowledge and understanding derived from the presentations and discussions. The topics to be covered will highlight waste characterisation methods and use of scaling factors e.g. radionuclide vectors, requirements, the derivation and use of clearance levels and the responsibilities of radioactive waste management operators and regulatory authorities. Participants will also be provided with guidance on suitable methods and approaches to characterise decommissioning waste that might be suitable for conditional clearance as part of a national strategy for radioactive waste management. Practical methods for discharge, disposal, reuse and recycling of waste subject to clearance, as appropriate, will also be provided.

## E. Participation

The meeting is open to 25 participants from Member States.

Each country is invited to nominate **one or more participants** who must match the profile described in the corresponding paragraph, indicating the order of priority.

## F. Participants' Qualifications and Experience

Participants should be scientists, engineers or other professionals engaged in the planning, management and operation of radioactive waste processing and storage facilities. Participants will also be selected from individuals employed by regulatory or technical support organisations with responsibility for radioactive waste management. The intended participants may also include appropriately qualified and experienced professionals working in national or local government. Please note that participants are expected to prepare presentations outlining national regulations and experience in the clearance of radioactive waste, highlighting especially any recognised challenges and issues, as well as solutions.

## G. Application Procedure

Candidates wishing to apply for this event should complete their applications on the InTouch+ platform (<https://Intouchplus.iaea.org>). Should this not be possible, nominations may be submitted on a [TC Nomination Form for Meetings](#). Applications should contain sufficient information to establish that the nominees have the required qualifications. Completed applications need to be endorsed by the relevant national authority, i.e. the National Liaison Office and submitted through the established official channels.

## H. Administrative and Financial Arrangements

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

Selected participants will receive an allowance from the IAEA sufficient to cover their costs of lodging, daily subsistence and miscellaneous expenses. They will also receive either a round-trip air ticket based on the most direct and economical route between the airport nearest their residence and the airport nearest the duty station through the IAEA's travel agency American Express, or a travel grant, or they will be reimbursed travel by car/bus/train in accordance with IAEA rules for non-staff travel.

## **I. Disclaimer of Liability**

The organizers of the event 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 course, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in approving his/her participation, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.

## **J. Note for female participants:**

Any woman engaged by the IAEA for work or training should notify the IAEA on becoming aware that she is pregnant.

The Board of Governors of the IAEA approved new International Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources. The Standards deal specifically with the occupational exposure conditions of female workers by requiring, inter alia, that a female worker should, on becoming aware that she is pregnant, notify her employer in order that her working conditions may be modified, if necessary. This notification shall not be considered a reason to exclude her from work; however, her working conditions, with respect to occupational exposure shall be adapted with a view to ensuring that her embryo or foetus be afforded the same broad level of protection as required for members of the public.

## **K. Organization**

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