

# International Efforts to Strengthen the Security of Radioactive Sources

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#### **International Efforts- IAEA Perspective**



- Nuclear Security summit gift basket (2016)
  - Encouraged addressing gaps for physical protection in guidance
    - NSS11 revision to be published this year
    - Safety and security are taking steps to collaborate in new guidance document creation
  - Encouraged developing guidance on long term management of sources
    - Supplementary guidance for the code approved at GC
  - Encouraged to promote and support research of alternative low or no radioactive source technology
    - IAEA does recognize the use, and may support a project is it meets specific criteria
- IAEA coordination with Member states
- Promoting Adherence to the Code of Conduct and supplementary guidance

# **IAEA's Roll-Code of Conduct**



- Collection and dissemination of information on the safe management and secure protection of radioactive sources
- Development of technical standards
- Advising and assisting any State (by request) on safe management and secure protection of radioactive sources
- Disseminating information in the code and associated information

# **IAEA's Roll-Interpretation**



- Facilitating meetings and conferences
- Expert missions
- Encouraging commitment to the Code and supplementary guidance in high level meetings
- Updating, creating, and distributing relevant guidance documents

#### Guidance on the Management of Disused Radioactive Sources



- Currently awaiting publication
  - Expected to be published in June 2018
- NSNS and NSRW implementing a plan to promote the new guidance and encourage formal commitment from member states



#### Guidance on the Management of Disused Radioactive Sources



- Objective is to:
  - Encourage States to improve safety and security of disused sources in line with provisions already established in the Code
  - Advise States on available management options
    - Reuse or recycling, long-term storage and disposal, and return to supplier
      - Short-term storage and transport are also addressed
- Each state is encouraged to:
  - Establish bilateral and regional arrangements
  - Share information
  - Make use of regional regulatory networks
  - Address exceptional cases where management is not possible and request assistance as needed

## **Major Events Planned for 2018**



- 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Radioactive Source Security
  - 23-26 April 2018
- Topical Meeting on the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources
  - 11-13 June 2018
- International Conference on the Security of Radioactive Material: The Way Forward for Prevention and Detection – 3-7 December 2018

# What do we hope to achieve?



- Information sharing amongst member states

   Meetings, Conferences, participating in the ITDB, etc...
- Commitment and adherence to the Code and supplementary guidance
- Continued collaboration between divisions in the Agency





# Thank you!