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# **Technical Meeting on Disused Sealed Radioactive Source Status Indicators as a Measurement Tool for the Sustainable Management of Disused Sources**

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and virtual participation via Cisco Webex

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## **Information Sheet**

### **Introduction**

Sealed Radioactive Sources (SRS) play an essential role in peaceful applications across medicine, industry, agriculture, and research, contributing significantly to socio-economic development. Once these sources become disused and are classified as Disused Sealed Radioactive Sources (DSRS), they must be managed responsibly to avoid safety, security, and environmental risks. Improper handling of DSRS can result in accidents, unauthorized access, or misuse, with potentially severe consequences.

Although international guidance on DSRS management is well established, many Member States continue to face challenges in consistently assessing, monitoring, and improving their practices.

Recognizing that the safe and secure management of DSRS is a core component of radioactive waste management and radiation safety, the IAEA has developed a set of DSRS Indicators to support Member States. These indicators provide a practical, harmonized framework for monitoring progress, benchmarking national capabilities, and reporting in a consistent manner. By aligning with IAEA safety standards and security guidance, the indicators help Member States strengthen their national programmes, enhance transparency, and promote continuous improvement.

The set of 19 indicators enables Member States to assess national readiness in an evidence-based and transparent way. Key elements – such as national policy and strategy, inventory systems, facilities and technical capacity, human resources, and financing – are presented in a structured and comparable format.

The indicator framework helps identify both strengths and gaps across the entire DSRS lifecycle. Results may highlight strong performance in certain areas while revealing other aspects that require further development.

In addition, sustainability-oriented indicators shift focus from short-term storage towards long-term lifecycle solutions. By monitoring endpoints, conditioning rates, and related measures, Member States can ensure better control of DSRS inventories and progressively strengthen disposal or return pathways. Over time, this supports the transition from compliance-based arrangements to a fully sustainable national system for DSRS management.

## **Objectives**

The purpose of the event is to introduce and discuss disused sealed radioactive source (DSRS) indicators as a tool to reflect the status of DSRS and progress made by Member States in their management, to discuss the potential value of the indicators for Member States in planning their future activities and to assist the IAEA in the design of future technical support, ensuring long term sustainability in the safe and secure management of DSRS.

## **Target Audience**

The meeting is intended for:

- National operators involved in the management of DSRS;
- Regulatory bodies and competent authorities;
- Decision makers and users of radioactive sources;
- Suppliers and recyclers of radioactive sources.

Participants should have a solid understanding of the administrative and technical infrastructure required for DSRS management.

Participants will be asked to prepare a brief presentation on their national experience in implementing DSRS management and to conduct a self-assessment using the set of 19 indicators prior to the meeting.

## **Working Language(s)**

English.

## Participation and Registration

All persons wishing to participate in the event have to be designated by an IAEA Member State or should be members of organizations that have been invited to attend.

In order to be designated by an IAEA Member State or invited organization, participants are requested to submit their application via the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) to the competent national authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) or organization for onward transmission to the IAEA by **5 June 2026**, following the registration procedure in InTouch+:

1. Access the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>):
  - Persons with an existing NUCLEUS account can sign in to the platform with their username and password;
  - Persons without an existing NUCLEUS account can register [here](#).
2. Once signed in, prospective participants can use the InTouch+ platform to:
  - Complete or update their personal details under ‘Complete Profile’ and upload the relevant supporting documents;
  - Search for the relevant event under the ‘My Eligible Events’ tab;
  - Select the Member State or invited organization they want to represent from the drop-down menu entitled ‘Designating Authority’ (if an invited organization is not listed, please contact [InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org](mailto:InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org));
  - If applicable, indicate whether a paper is being submitted and complete the relevant information;
  - If applicable, indicate whether financial support is requested and complete the relevant information (this is not applicable to participants from invited organizations);
  - Based on the data input, the InTouch+ platform will automatically generate the Participation Form (Form A) and/or the Grant Application Form (Form C);
  - Submit their application.

Once submitted through the InTouch+ platform, the application, together with the auto-generated form(s), will be transmitted automatically to the required authority for approval. If approved, the application, together with the applicable form(s), will automatically be sent to the IAEA through the online platform.

NOTE: The application for financial support should be made, together with the submission of the application, by **5 June 2026**.

For additional information on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help](#) page. Any other issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be sent to [InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org](mailto:InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org).

Selected participants will be informed in due course on the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Participants are hereby informed that the personal data they submit will be processed in line with the [Agency’s Personal Data and Privacy Policy](#) and is collected solely for the purpose(s) of reviewing and assessing the application and to complete logistical arrangements where required. The IAEA may also use the contact details of Applicants to inform them of the IAEA’s scientific and technical publications, or the latest employment opportunities and current open vacancies at the IAEA. These secondary purposes are consistent with the IAEA’s mandate. Further information can be found in the [Data Processing Notice](#) concerning IAEA InTouch+ platform.

## Expenditures and Grants

No registration fee is charged to participants.

The IAEA is generally not in a position to bear the travel and other costs of participants in the event. The IAEA has, however, limited funds at its disposal to help meet the cost of attendance of certain participants. Upon specific request, such assistance may be offered to normally one participant per country, provided that, in the IAEA's view, the participant will make an important contribution to the event.

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## Venue

The event will be held at the Vienna International Centre (VIC), where the IAEA's Headquarters are located. Participants must make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

General information on the VIC and other practical details, such as a list of hotels offering a reduced rate for IAEA participants, are listed on the following IAEA web page:

[www.iaea.org/events](http://www.iaea.org/events).

Participants are advised to arrive at Checkpoint 1/Gate 1 of the VIC one hour before the start of the event on the first day in order to allow for timely registration. Participants will need to present an official photo identification document in order to be admitted to the VIC premises.

## Visas

Participants who require a visa to enter Austria should submit the necessary application to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Austria at least four weeks before they travel to Austria. Since Austria is a Schengen State, persons requiring a visa will have to apply for a Schengen visa. In States where Austria has no diplomatic mission, visas can be obtained from the consular authority of a Schengen Partner State representing Austria in the country in question.

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Subsequent correspondence on scientific matters should be sent to the Scientific Secretary/Secretaries and correspondence on other matters related to the event to the Administrative Secretary.

## Event Web Page

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