



Annual Meeting of the Regulatory Forum for Safety of Uranium Production and Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials

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Vienna, Austria**

24 - 28 July 2023

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Information Sheet

Introduction

The IAEA published the Safety Standards Series No. SSG-60 Management of Residues Containing Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material from Uranium Production and Other Activities in 2021. Putting IAEA safety standards relevant to management of NORM residues into practice is challenging for regulatory bodies and operating organizations in the majority of the IAEA Member States. The IAEA project “Regulatory Forum for Safety of Uranium Production and Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (REGSUN)” is aimed to help build capacity in all the Member States undertaking or considering uranium production or the management of NORM residues, to:

- Promote good regulation and safe and environmentally responsible practices through the application of IAEA safety standards
- Promote and increase the exchange of information and expertise among participants, including providing regular updates on best practice approaches, offering targeted assistance in the review and provision of expertise, and identifying gaps in guidance;
- Support the utilization of the related IAEA tools and training materials;
- Provide strategic input for the IAEA’s future work in areas related to the safety of uranium production and NORM residues management.

Under the REGSUN project, annual meetings are organized to review the progress of activities relevant to the subject of the REGSUN, including presentations by the participants on selected topics focusing

on practical issues and challenges relevant to safety and regulatory aspects of uranium production and NORM activities. This event is a follow up event of the annual meeting of REGSUN in 2022.

Objectives

The objectives of the event are to review the progress made in activities identified as high priority at the meeting of the REGSUN in 2022 and to identify issues that should be addressed. These activities include reviewing progress in supporting application of IAEA Safety Standards related to the subject areas, sharing experience in establishing regulation for management of NORM, and exchange of information in topical areas associated with safety of uranium production and management of NORM residues.

The meeting will address, inter alia, the following topics: ·

- Update information on IAEA activities for uranium production and management of NORM residues;
- Review and update training modules on safety and regulation for uranium production with focus on licensing review and inspection and discuss development of training on safety of uranium production by in situ recovery;
- Develop a draft training programme for developing and implementing a regulatory regime for NORM residues consistent with the graded approach and discuss development of case studies on the application of specific exemption and specific clearance to NORM residues;
- Review draft training materials on relating to managing NORM residues arising from rare earth processing, phosphate processing, metal processing and water treatment and discuss development of training materials on screening assessment;
- Share experience in addressing residue/waste management from uranium production and other activities through existing instrument, such as the Joint Convention of Safety of Spent Fuel Management and the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management;
- Discuss promotion of advisory and peer review service and promotion of a train the trainer program for safety of management of NORM residues; and
- Discuss other emerging issues and review and revise future plan where relevant.

Target Audience

Candidates for the meeting should be professionals from regulatory bodies, national authorities, operating organizations or technical support organizations, with direct involvement and responsibilities in relation to activities, such as:

- Uranium mining and milling
- Uranium exploration

- Establishment of regulatory framework for management of NORM residues
- Identification and inventory development of NORM activities
- Training and technical support to relevant activities. Participants are expected to provide input to the meeting by presenting their national approaches and experiences related to the topics, and by taking active part in discussions.

The meeting will be conducted in English language. Candidates should have sufficient English-language proficiency to be able to actively participate in the planned activities.

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, participants are requested to send the **Participation Form (Form A)** to their competent national authority (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) for onward transmission to the IAEA by **26 May 2023**. Participants who are members of an organization invited to attend are requested to send the **Participation Form (Form A)** through their organization to the IAEA by the above deadline.

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. 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.

The application for financial support should be made using the **Grant Application Form (Form C)** which has to be stamped, signed and submitted by the competent national authority to the IAEA together with the **Participation Form (Form A)** by **26 May 2023**.

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:

<https://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.

Organization

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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.

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Participants who are members of an invited organization can submit this form to their organization for subsequent transmission to the IAEA.

Deadline for receipt by IAEA through official channels: 26 May 2023

Family name(s): (same as in passport)	First name(s): (same as in passport)	Mr/Ms
Institution:		
Full address:		
Tel. (Fax):		
Email:		
Nationality:	Representing following Member State/non-Member State/entity or invited organization:	
If/as applicable:		
Do you intend to submit a paper?	Yes	No
Would you prefer to present your paper as a poster?	Yes	No
Title:		

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Deadline for receipt by IAEA through official channels as per Conference Announcement.

Family name(s): (same as in passport)	First name(s): (same as in passport)	Mr/Ms:
Mailing address:	Tel.:	
	Fax:	
	Email:	
Date of birth (yyyy/mm/dd):	Nationality:	

1. Education (post-secondary):

Name and place of institution	Field of study	Diploma or Degree	Years attended	
			from	to

2. Recent employment record (starting with your present post):

Name and place of employer/organization	Title of your position	Type of work	Years attended	
			from	to

3. Description of work performed over the last three years:

4. Institute's/Member State's programme in field of event:

Date: _____ **Signature of applicant:** _____

Date: _____ **Name, signature and stamp of Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy
Authority**
