

Trip Report

IAEA RASSC (Radiation Safety Standard Committee)/ Vienna, 23. - 25. June 2015

This meeting was the 38. Meeting of the RASSC.

The focus of the committee is to find common positions to standards in preparation related to radiation safety.

Meeting Content:

- New standard committee established Standard Committee on Emergency preparedness and Response (EPreSC)
 - Request for members and observers (is it of interest for ISSPA?)
- Presentation of online user platform for safety and security series which is under development, there was no statement given when it will be available
- Radionuclides in Food and Drinking Water- Review of TECDOC “Guidance on Radionuclide Activity Concentrations for Food and Drinking Water” is ongoing
 - seems not to affect our industry
- Review of work in relation to non-food commodities with surface contamination
 - seems not to affect our industry
- Topical Session: Individual Susceptibility to Radiation→ outcome - the current system is conservative
 - no need for changes
- DS 456 Draft Safety Requirements: Leadership and Management for Safety - approved for submission to CSS
 - will indirect affect our industry - no action by ISSPA required
- DS 460 Draft Safety Guide: Communication and Consultation with Interested Parties by the Regulatory Body - approved for submission to CSS -
 - For ISSPA members: stakeholder involvement will become more and more important for the success of our industry

- Report on the Development of Guidance on the Management of Disused Sources, additional to the Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources Christina George, Monika Kinker, Hilaire Mansoux - Draft with comments is available - consultancy meeting to consolidate revised draft is planned (July) only 2 member states invited (pro and con)*,
 2. Open-ended Meeting Dec. 14 - 17 (finalize draft), submission to states for comment,
 3. Open-ended meeting to finalize the document, development definition for “reuse” and “recycling” is planned
 - ISSPA should participate in 2. Open-ended Meeting Dec. 14 - 17

The documents of the conference are available under:

<http://www-ns.iaea.org/committees/rassc/default.asp?fd=1548&dt=0>.

- * Side information: major issue is the financial provision (to make when the source is bought). France is pushing this option. Particularly Japan and Russia are in opposition. For the Russians the additional issue is not to take back “waste”. They seem to be under pressure by former “soviet republics” to take back a lot of old sources. IAEA is not interested to have an industry involvement in this stage.

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Enclosure

Agenda