

## International Training Course on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and Nuclear Facilities

#### Hosted by the

Government of the United States of America

#### through the

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Sandia National Laboratories

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### **Information Sheet**

#### Introduction

Since its introduction in 1978, the three-week International Training Course on Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and Nuclear Facilities (ITC) is organized every 18 months by the International Atomic Energy Agency and the Department of Energy of the United States of America. To date, more than 900 participants from 73 countries attended the ITC. The ITC is considered the IAEA's flagship training on physical protection, and has evolved to reflect industry best practices and up-to-date technology for physical protection. This will be the 30th course to be conducted by the IAEA in cooperation with Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, New Mexico, USA.

## **Objectives**

The objective of the event is to provide a systematic methodology for the design and performance based evaluation of integrated physical protection systems for nuclear facilities that is effective against the threat of radiological sabotage and theft of nuclear and other radioactive material, and to familiarize professionals involved in the establishment of a State's physical protection regime with current concepts and technology. In addition, the course aims to enable the participants to establish and implement appropriate security programmes in their respective countries that are in line with the physical protection requirements laid down in the Convention on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and its 2005 Amendment, as well as in IAEA Nuclear Security Series No. 13, Nuclear Security Recommendations on Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and Nuclear Facilities (INFCIRC/225/Revision 5).

## **Target Audience**

The event is intended mainly for persons who are responsible for designing and/or assessing physical protection systems, for operators and managers of such systems, for those preparing associated regulations and for representatives of the competent authorities. It is assumed that they will have a basic technical background in, and some experience of, physical protection. Representatives of other organizations may attend the course, as their needs require and their background permits, provided space is available. Member States are strongly encouraged to identify suitable women candidates.

## **Working Language(s)**

English

## **Participation and Registration**

All persons wishing to participate in the event have to be designated by an IAEA Member State that has been invited to attend.

In order to be designated by an IAEA Member State, participants are requested to submit their application via the InTouch+ platform (<a href="https://intouchplus.iaea.org">https://intouchplus.iaea.org</a>) to the competent national authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) for onward transmission to the IAEA by 14 February 2025, following the registration procedure in InTouch+:

- 1. Access the InTouch+ platform (<a href="https://intouchplus.iaea.org">https://intouchplus.iaea.org</a>):
  - 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);
  - 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 14 February 2025.

For additional information on how to apply for an event, please refer to the <u>InTouch+ Help page</u>. Any other issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be sent to <u>InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org</u>.

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.

## **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 his or her State's nuclear security arrangements.

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#### Visas

Participants who require a visa to enter the United States of America should submit the necessary application as soon as possible to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of the United States of America.

#### **Additional Information**

Designated participants are required to complete the "US Personal Information Form", available on the last page of the Information Sheet. Designations submitted without the completed form will not be considered for this event.

Six or more months after completion of the training event, participants will be required to complete a short survey on the use of acquired knowledge and skills or a change in attitudes. This will assist the Division of Nuclear Security in understanding the impact of its work and will guide future assistance.

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



#### **ANNEX**

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#### **US Personal Information Form**

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