

International Technical Working Group (ITWG): The Evidence Working Group

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RN material

Evidence contaminated with RN materials



Mock Radiological Dispersal Device laboratory



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- What is ITWG?
 - Multinational
 - Informal
 - Nuclear Forensics
 - Laboratory scientists
 - Law Enforcement personnel
 - Regulatory officials
 - Reports informally to the Nuclear Safety and Security Group of the G-8







- Created in 2012
 - Collection
 - Transport
 - Analysis
 - Reporting







- First met in 2013 in St. Petersburg, Russia
 - 20 volunteers
 - From 10 different nations









Current relevant documents:

- ITWG "Guidelines for Evidence Collection in a Radiological or Nuclear Contaminated Crime Scene" ^{6 June 2011}
 - Planning
 - Communications
 - Actions



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GUIDELINES FOR EVIDENCE COLLECTION IN A RADIOLOGICAL OR NUCLEAR CONTAMINATED CRIME SCENE

Guidelines for Evidence Collection in a Radiological or Nuclear Contaminated Crime Scene, Version 1 Approved by the ITWG Executive Committee, 07 June 2011



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Current relevant documents:

- Radiological Crime Scene Management
 - IAEA Document
 - Currently in publication process (NST013)







Current relevant documents:

- IAEA Nuclear Security Series No. 2 – Nuclear Forensic Support
 - Model action plan
 - Good overall topics
 - 2006 version currently in revision (NST014)







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- Develop a document to discuss chain of custody/ continuity of evidence:
 - Chain of Custody/Continuity of Evidence = documentation + process
 - Requirements vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction
 - Focus
 - Fundamentals
 - How to determine equivalency







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- Effects of radiation on the evidence
- Effects of radioactive/nuclear materials contamination control on the examination process





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3) Development of an evidence collection plan framework document

- Link between
 - Investigators
 - Collectors
 - Laboratory
- Minimize risks



Timely and probative results





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4) Development of an Examination Plan Checklist

Master control of what happens to the evidence

- Prioritizes and deconflicts multistep examination processes
- Sets expectations and denotes limitations





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Agreement Point #1

 The Nuclear Forensics International Technical Working Group's "Guidelines for Evidence Collection in a Radiological or Nuclear Contaminated Crime Scene", published in 06 June 2011 is the basis for our work.





Agreement Point #2

 Several volunteers agreed to begin working on Proposed Task #1 and Proposed Task #2. Volunteers for Proposed Task #1 will be using a draft version of a document begun in the ITWG Guidelines Working Group, while other volunteers will be developing Proposed Task #2 by drawing from published scientific works and personal experiences.





Agreement Point #3

 Proposed Task #3 and Proposed Task #4 require further discussions and were tabled until a later date to be determined.





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