



Orphan Source Recovery Program



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The Orphan Source Recovery Program is a non-emergency response hazard mitigation program that collects and properly disposes of unwanted or abandoned radioactive material. The improper management of these materials could result in unnecessary exposure to individuals or result in the spread of radioactive contamination to the environment.

Administered by the IEMA Bureau of Environmental Safety, the Orphan Source Recovery Program's main objective is to minimize, to the extent practicable, any adverse public health threats due to radioactive materials known as 'orphan sources'.

Orphan sources arise when:

- the possessor cannot pay for appropriate disposal;
- there is no way to trace the ownership of abandoned material; or
- there is inadvertent possession of radioactive material by a firm or business not duly licensed (such as a scrap metal recycler).

Persons who come into possession of orphan source radioactive material should complete the form on the adjacent page and provide it to the Agency.



Contact information is provided on the back of this pamphlet.

Once orphan source material is identified to the Agency, staff will work with the possessor to ensure the safe storage of the orphan source

until a determination can be made whether the material should be dispositioned by commercial means or is a candidate for collection under this program. The Agency conducts periodic campaigns to collect catalogued orphan source material. Once collected, a waste broker is employed to arrange for the proper treatment and disposal.

ORPHAN SOURCE IDENTIFICATION SHEET

Please complete this form as best as possible for all radioactive material held at a non-licensed facility. This data sheet would be provided to the Agency at the address on the back side of this pamphlet.

General Description: _____

Contact Information:

Facility Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

Secondary Contact: _____

Phone: _____

Orphan Source Information:

Dimensions: _____

Disposal volume (est.): _____

Weight (approx.): _____

If in a container, describe container: _____

Radionuclides: _____

Activity: _____ Dose Rate: _____

How determined: _____

Potential to be classified as a hazardous material? Yes/No

A picture of the orphan source material should be included with this data sheet. All information may be transferred electronically. Any questions may be directed to the address or phone number on the back of this form.