



Workshop on the application of the IAEA General Safety Guide on Classification of Radioactive Waste

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Information Sheet

Introduction

The IAEA General Safety Guide on the classification of radioactive waste - GSG-1 – was published in 2009. In 2023, at the Waste Safety Standards Committee (WASSC) 55th and 56th meetings extensive discussions took place on the need for a revision of GSG-1. Diverging views came out from the Member States' feedback. While some Member States did not consider a revision was needed, others were in favour of either a full scope revision of the Safety Guide, or minor revision to ensure consistency with other newly published safety standards, to clarify the purpose of the classification and to make it more in line with technological advancements related to the treatment and disposal of radioactive waste. The three main outcomes of the discussions were:

- GSG-1 should remain a high-level publication and any revision should address high-level issues,
- A working group reporting the WASSC, should be established and hold periodic discussions on potential revision/update of GSG-1,
- Identify appropriate safety standards or other publications (safety reports, TECDOCs...) to provide additional guidance, advice or information on more technical details. A working group was then established to continue the discussions on whether revising the Safety Guide and define the scope of such a potential revision.

The working group concluded that there was no urgent need to revise GSG-1 but that a Workshop should be organized on the application of GSG-1 in Member States.

Objectives

The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the application of the IAEA General Safety Guide

Classification of Radioactive Waste (IAEA Safety Standards Series No. GSG-1). The workshop, open to all IAEA Member States, will also be an opportunity to receive feedback on the application of the safety guide in their country, discuss further the interpretation of the classification in their own context, potentially highlight domains and topics that should further be addressed either in the context of a future revision or as part of the development of supporting publication such as Safety report or TECDOC. The workshop will be based on presentations by member States on the application of GSG-1 followed by discussions in the context of their radioactive waste management programmes.

Although the workshop will not have the mandate of deciding on a revision of the Safety Guide, which remains with the Safety Standards Committees, it will however be an opportunity to discuss it with a broader audience.

Target Audience

The event is open to all representatives of IAEA Member States. The target audience are representatives from governments, regulatory bodies, technical support organisations, operating organizations, national waste management organisations, and other parties actively involved in the development and implementation of safe management of radioactive waste programmes. The workshop will encourage attendance from participants who have specific experiences to share, in particular in the use and application of the classification of radioactive waste in their own context.

Working Language(s)

English

Structure

The workshop will include presentations by the IAEA Technical Officer to provide the background of the IAEA Classification of radioactive waste and the approach and actions taken in the context of its potential revision.

Member States will also be requested to make presentations on the description of their classification in their radioactive waste management context and on the way, they have used and applied the IAEA classification in GSG-1 when developing their own system.

Following the IAEA and National presentations discussions and exchanges will take place with the overall view to share experience in the use and application of GSG-1 and in the development of classifications in Member States. Although the workshop does not have any decision mandate, the need or not to consider a revision of the IAEA Safety Guide on the classification of radioactive waste (GSG-1) will also be addressed, as well as the scope of such a potential revision. Topics of interest that could be added to the actual safety guide under the form of another type of publication, will also be addressed.

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 or invited organization, participants are requested to submit their application via the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) to the competent national authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) or organization for onward transmission to the IAEA by **19 June 2026**, following the registration procedure in InTouch+:

1. Access the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>):
 - 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 a paper is being submitted and complete the relevant information;
 - 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 **19 June 2026**.

For additional information on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help](#) page. Any other issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be sent to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

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. Further information can be found in the [Data Processing Notice](#) concerning the 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.

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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.

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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.