

The Off-Site Source Recovery



Project News

The month of May was busy for the Off-Site Source Recovery (OSR) Project at Los Alamos National Laboratory. The Project continued its aggressive approach to recovering sealed sources from small sites and has already surpassed its annual goal (with over four months left in the fiscal year).

The Project was actively involved in a large number of recoveries of transuranic sealed sources. Among these OSR Project recoveries, were a pair of Department of Energy sites in which several hundred sealed sources were recovered. There was also a "sweep" of the Chicago, Illinois area, in which several sites were assisted in recovering their excess sealed sources. Three of the recoveries involved leaking sources, which were re-encapsulated prior to shipment.

The majority of the May recoveries were "self-ships" in which the Project provides sufficient support, guidance, and equipment to ensure safe, cost efficient, compliant, and effective retrieval of unwanted or excess sealed sources. These recoveries were from diverse sites encompassing everything from universities to health care institutions.

Beyond recoveries, the Project continued the ongoing effort to disseminate how the OSR Project can assist sites to reduce their safety, security, and environmental risk from radioactive sources. Several forums, such as an international offshore petroleum conference, an NRC training course, and

a Department of Energy workshop, were employed as a mechanism to determine customer needs and distribute information on how the OSR Project can help sites.

Future plans include the continued aggressive recovery of sealed sources at small sites with unwanted or excess 241-Am, 241-Am/Be, 241-Am/Be/137Cs, 238-Pu, and 238-Pu/Be. In addition, there will be an increased devotion of resources to the recovery from larger sites.

The OSR Project was developed to assist with the recovery and management of unwanted or excess radioactive sealed sources. Ultimately, this will help reduce the potential risk to public health, safety, and the environment.

Any site having unwanted or excess radioactive sealed sources should register on the OSR Project web page at <http://osrp.lanl.gov> (click the "Online Source Registration" tab). A member of the OSR Project team will then contact you to refine the needs and determine the appropriate actions.



Need assistance,
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