

Explanation for Prospective Participants in Collection

1. The Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Safety Administration (NNSA) has entered into an agreement with the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) to administer the Source Collection and Threat Reduction (SCATR) Program. This is to encourage licensees to dispose of unwanted sources through commercial disposal options more quickly. The SCATR program provides two incentives for interested parties:
 - a. A large number of facilities are combined under one project for disposal of their unwanted sources. An economy of scale is achieved by sharing of the costs of transportation and packaging. And individual facilities do not have to seek bids themselves.
 - b. Additionally, should a participating facility lack the necessary funding to dispose of the material, the CRCPD is authorized by DOE to provide financial assistance in order to facilitate its disposal.
2. SCATR funds are expended for disposal of sealed sources. Generally, TRU's are not accepted nor is pipe scale or distributed sources. The maximum activity for a single source is limited by the disposal site's license. The SCATR program exists mainly for assuring the disposal of sealed sources of sufficient activity to pose a threat. Low activity (microcurie or less) are not sought on their own and are generally only accepted when collected with larger (mCi) sources.

SCATR funds will be expended for the disposal of sources and for those things necessary for disposal (leak tests, fees, etc). SCATR funds will not pay for disposal of shielding or containers unless they are part of the disposal package. Arrangements may be made independently with brokers for disposal of nonradioactive wastes (e.g., lead). CRCPD will assist facilities with cost for disposal of shields containing DU.

3. A facility must be registered on the OSRP database to be able to participate in the SCATR program. If your facility is not registered and you wish to participate, information on how to register is provided with this description. Each facility that has already registered will be sent a copy of its inventory from the most recent SCATR database that CRCPD has. (This may not be the most recent copy of the database; CRCPD receives updates about once a month). Each will be asked to verify the sources to be collected and to complete his entries, special emphasis will be placed on identity of source (manufacturer and model), its current activity and the physical dimensions of the source or the device it is in.
4. The SCATR database should be updated and CRCPD advised as soon as possible if a facility decides to change the number of sources in its inventory after having been selected for a collection effort.
5. After updating information on potential participants, a request for bids will be sent to several brokers requesting quotes for collection, packaging, and transportation, and disposal of the waste for each facility. CRCPD may contact a facility if one or more of the brokers bidding on the project requests more information or pictures of a device or source in order to provide a more accurate quote.

6. After a bidder has been selected, prospective participants will be sent a copy of the broker's quote for collection, transportation, packaging and disposal only. The notice will also include an explanation of fees charged by the state that serves as the host state for the disposal site and any other compact or state fees, such as exportation fees. The selected broker will not deal directly with the prospective participants until CRCPD has issued a PO to him. CRCPD strongly recommends that any fees required to be paid prior to a generator's waste being accepted at the disposal site be arranged to be paid through the broker. As these efforts are composed of 15 to 30 participants at a time, and since multiple facilities' wastes will be packaged in one container, it is imperative that all participants have current permits at the time of disposal. The best manner to insure this is to have the broker purchase all permits for participants at the same time, prior to his shipment to the site.
7. CRCPD will contact participants a few days after the quotes and explanations are sent and ask if they are able to pay the quoted price and any required fees¹. If they do not have the funds an apportionment of the cost will be determined.
8. After all prospective participants have been contacted and payment arrangements decided, CRCPD will issue a purchase order to the broker which details the portions of the quote and fees each facility will bear and the portion that CRCPD will provide. The PO is strictly for the portion of the total cost for the collection to be provided by CRCPD. CRCPD will also send contact information and payment arrangements to the broker at this time.
9. After the PO is issued to the broker, the broker will begin to contact each participating facility and establish a contract for the portion of the cost it will pay, collect any additional information about the sources he may require, and schedule collection of the sources. At this time CRCPD will no longer actively communicate with the participants, but will continue to be available for information.

Should you have any questions regarding the SCATR collection, please contact:

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¹ The three operational low level radioactive waste disposal sites are subject to different fee requirements. If necessary, the fee structure for the site being used will be discussed at the time the quotes are being discussed with each facility.