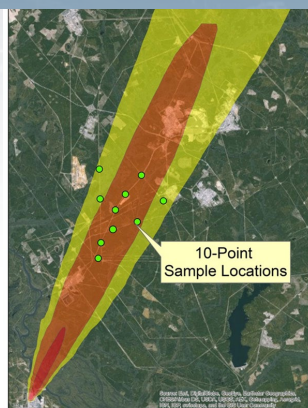
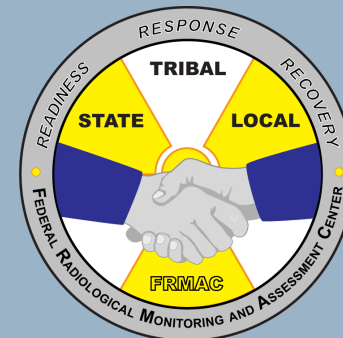




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## 2 Speaker Introductions

- Sean Fournier - Sandia National Laboratories
- Lynn Jausi - Nevada National Security Site



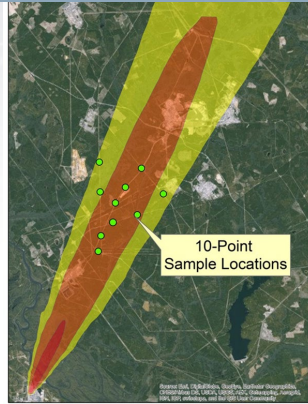
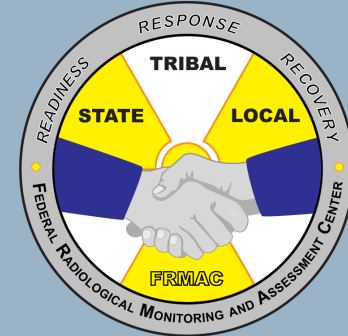
# Agenda

- A Federal Response to a Nuclear Emergency
- Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center (FRMAC)
- FRMAC Laboratory Analysis Operations
- What Supporting Laboratories Can Expect
- Participation in Drills and Exercises
- Questions we want to ask you!





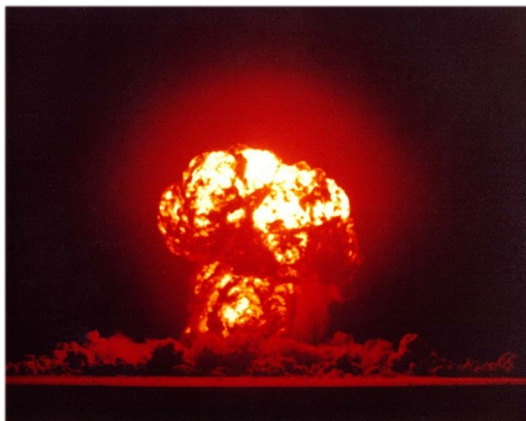
# A Federal Response to a Nuclear Emergency



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# A Federal Response to a Nuclear Emergency

- Nuclear Weapon
- Radiological Dispersal Device
- Nuclear Power Plant Release (large scale)
- Any release or potential release of radiological material that activates the Consequence Management Program at NNSA



## Consequence Management Mission

The mission of the National Nuclear Security Administration's Consequence Management Program is to reduce casualties and protect lives, property, and the environment in response to a nuclear or radiological incident.



# Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center (FRMAC)

## Multi-Agency response effort

- Partners include: DOE, DoD, EPA, FDA, CDC, USDA
- Consequence Management Advanced Command (CMAC)
- Consequence Management Response Team (CMRT)
- Consequence Management Home Team (CMHT)
- Off-location assets at the national laboratories



Sandia  
National  
Laboratories



Lawrence Livermore  
National Laboratory



**MISSION:** Assist Federal, State, Tribal, and Local authorities by providing timely, high-quality predictions, measurements, analyses and assessments to promote efficient and effective emergency response for protection of the public and the environment from the consequences of nuclear or radiological incidents.

# Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center (FRMAC)

## Divisions of FRMAC

- Sampling and Monitoring
- Assessment
- Health & Safety
- Support
- Liaison
- **Laboratory Analysis**





# FRMAC in Action

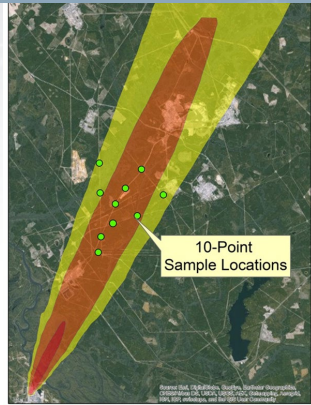
## Southern Exposure 2015 – Full Scale Nuclear Power Plant Exercise







# FRMAC Laboratory Analysis Operations and What Supporting Analysis Laboratories can Expect



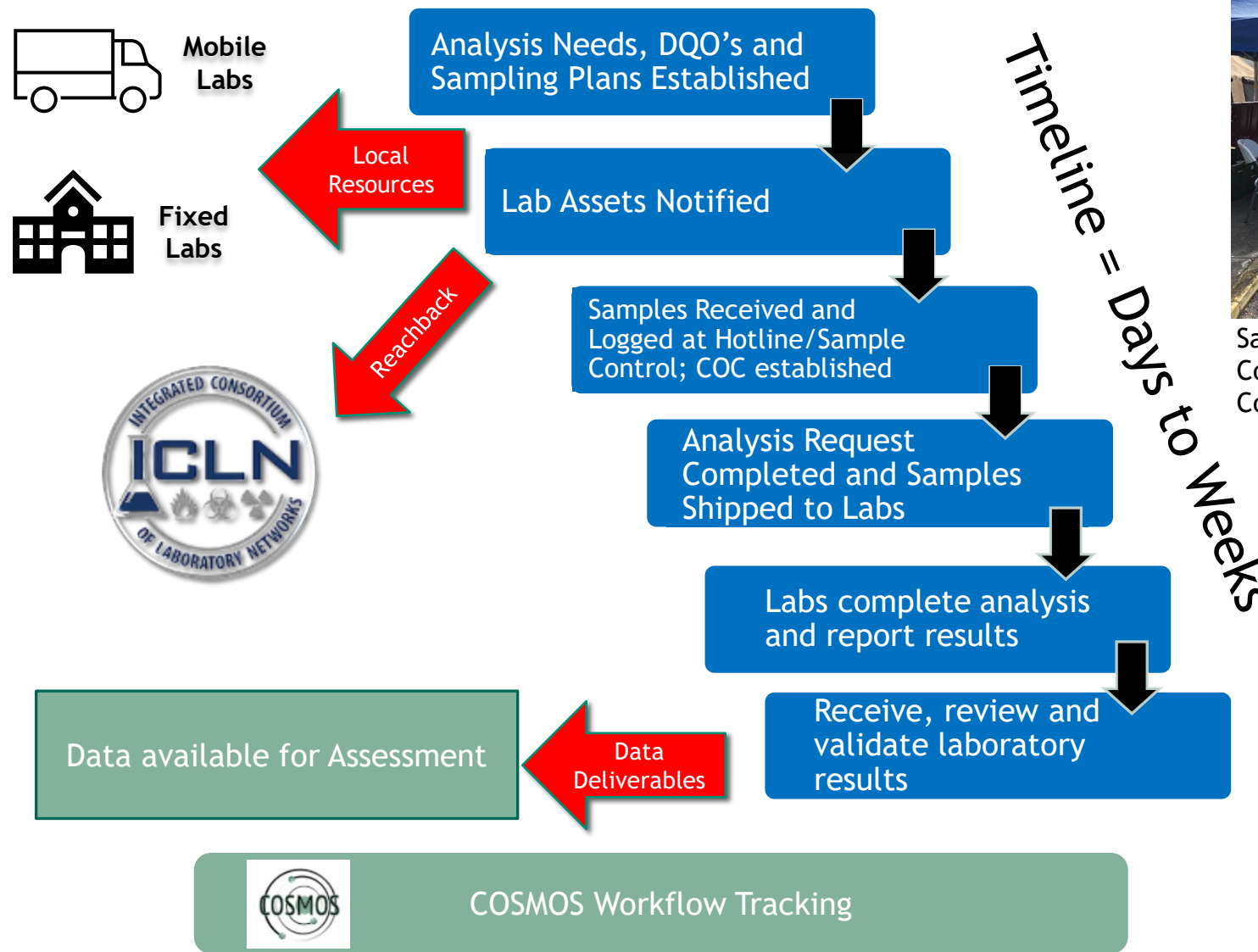
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- FRMAC Laboratory Analysis Process
- Typical FRMAC Samples
- What to expect from FRMAC?
- Laboratory Data Reporting Process overview
- Key Take-Away(s)





# FRMAC Laboratory Analysis Process



Sample Receipt Hotline - Cobalt Magnet 2019 - Cocoa Beach, FL



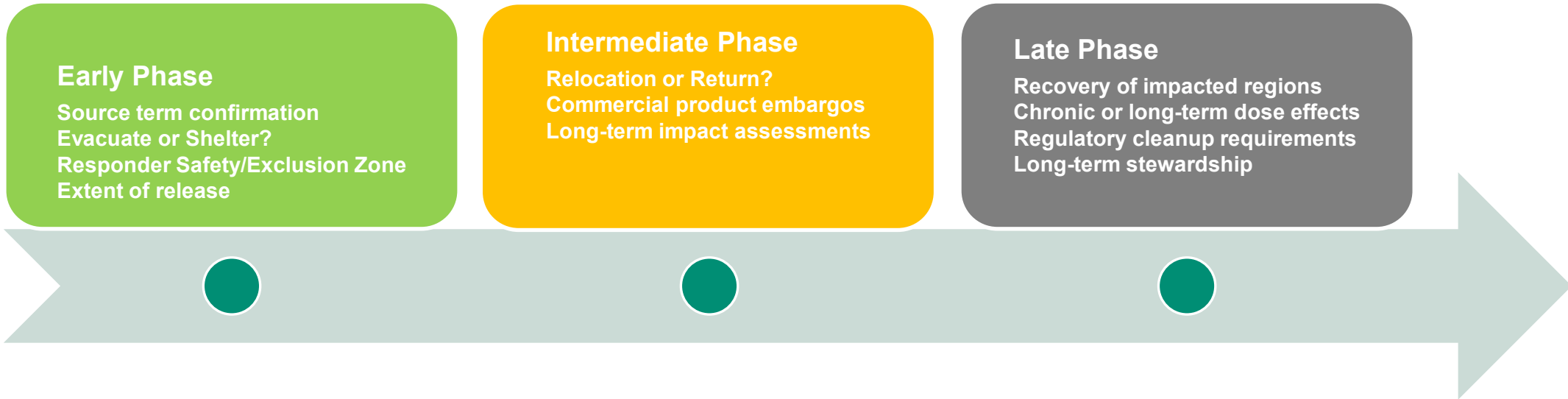
Sample Receipt of Soils from Fukushima (Lab Analysis and RAP-3) @ Savannah River Site



FAL/EPA MERL Interoperability drill - 2015, Las Vegas, NV



Lab Analysis management at FRMAC - Northern Lights 2016 - Minnesota



**Early Phase**  
 Source term confirmation  
 Evacuate or Shelter?  
 Responder Safety/Exclusion Zone  
 Extent of release

**Intermediate Phase**  
 Relocation or Return?  
 Commercial product embargos  
 Long-term impact assessments

**Late Phase**  
 Recovery of impacted regions  
 Chronic or long-term dose effects  
 Regulatory cleanup requirements  
 Long-term stewardship



**DOE Led FRMAC**  
 Coordinates federal assets under Unified Command to support the State/Local Jurisdiction with early phase emergency management

**Transition Period**  
 DOE and EPA collaborate on event transition plan that best supports the State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial authorities



**EPA Led FRMAC**  
 Coordinates federal assets under Unified Command to support intermediate consequence management and long-term remediation efforts

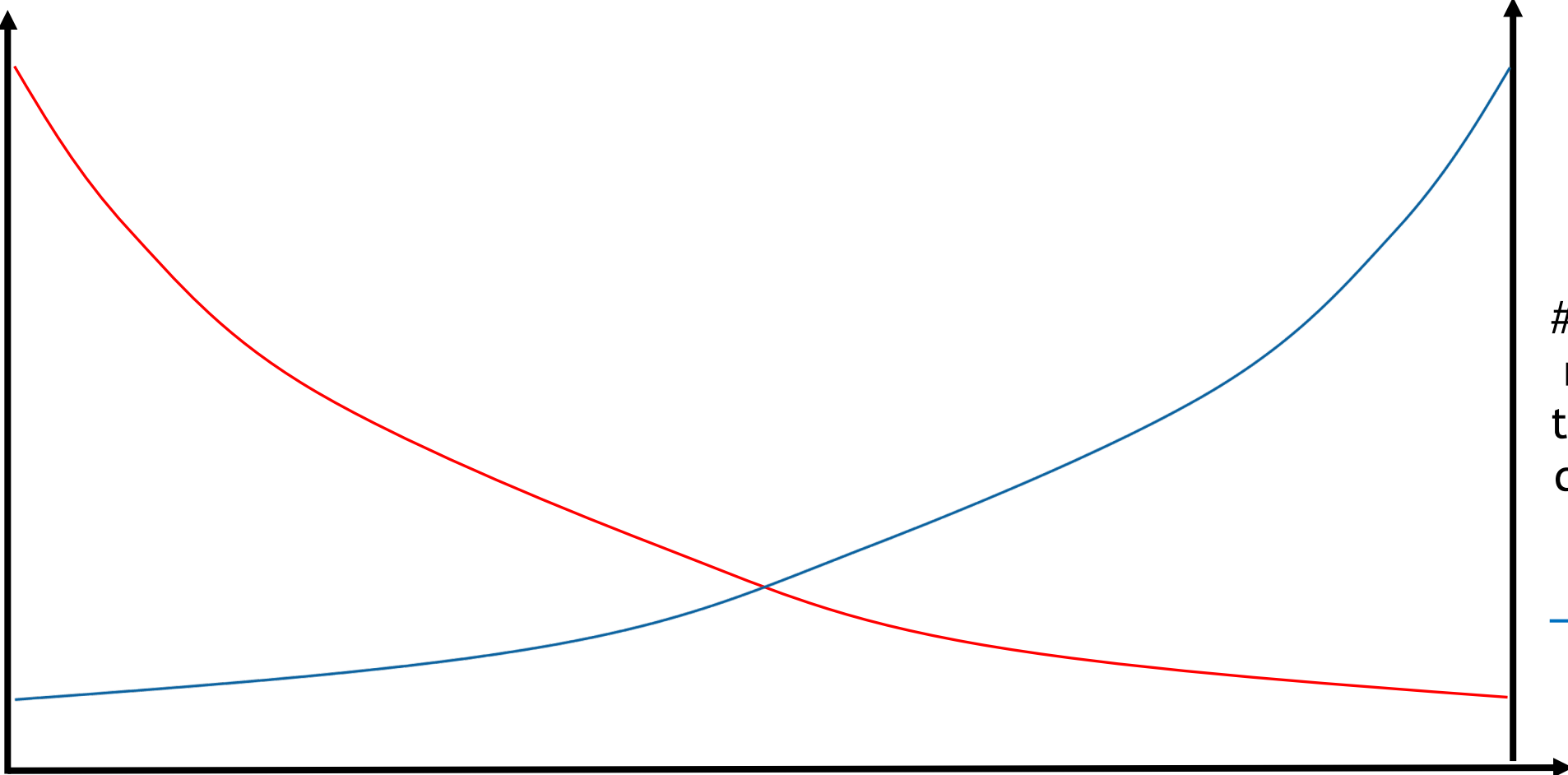
# The Laboratory Analysis Challenge



Detection limit required to answer questions



# samples required to answer questions



Time after incident



# Typical Samples Collected by the FRMAC

- Swipes & Smears - health and safety, general deposition assessment
- Air Filters - health and safety, resuspension analysis
  - a) 2 in diameter low-volume
  - b) 4 in diameter high-volume
  - c) Cartridges for Iodine capture
- Environmental - Soil, water, vegetation
- Commercial - Food, Agricultural Products, Feed/Forage
- **Ground Deposition** - Evaluation of deposited radioactivity in a given area



*\*Images are for demonstration only, specific products seen here do not represent an endorsement by DOE*

# The Ground Deposition Sample

- Collected to estimate radionuclide concentration deposited on the ground surface
- Similar to soil samples, with key differences:
  - Objective to report sample activity/area
  - No separation of non-soil components (rocks, vegetation, organic materials)
  - Labs are asked to report radioactivity for the whole sample



*EPA has developed a standardized rapid screening method for gamma spectroscopy and gross alpha/beta of the Ground Deposition samples*



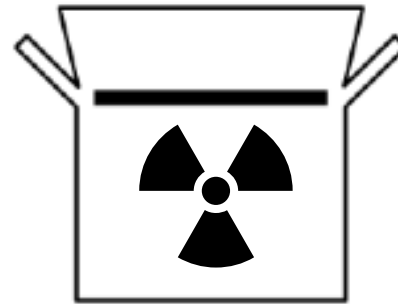
## Factors in Selecting a Responding Laboratory

- FRMAC experience
- FRMAC Laboratory Analysis Working Group member lab or contractor
- Member of ICLN Laboratory Network?
- Proficiency test performance
- Permits, accreditations, certifications
- Matrix/method capabilities
- Ability to meet Data Quality Objectives (DQO) and Turn-Around-Times (TAT)
- Sample capacity





# Laboratory Process Review



Initial  
Laboratory  
Contact

Analysis Request  
Form via Lab  
Portal

Lab receives  
samples,  
performs  
analysis

Lab posts data  
to Lab Portal

FRMAC makes QA  
assessment, gives  
feedback to lab,  
imports verified  
results to RR database



# Initial Laboratory Questionnaire



## Laboratory Information Summary

Laboratory Name: Sandia National Laboratories      Contact Name: Sean D. Fournier  
 RPSD      Contact Phone/Fax Number: 505.844.7838  
 Shipping Address: 1515 Eubank Blvd. SE      Contact Email Address: [sdfourn@sandia.gov](mailto:sdfourn@sandia.gov)  
 Albuquerque, NM 87123      Alternate Contact: Sonoya S. ...  
 Bldg 1090 MS 1103      Alternate Phone/Fax Number: 505.844.7664  
    Alternate Email Address: [stshan@sandia.gov](mailto:stshan@sandia.gov)

Please specify the maximum activity levels your laboratory can accept.

	CPM	uCi	mR	Other
Per Sample	5000		(on contact)	
Total	5000		5 (on contact)	

Please specify typical Lc for a 10 minute count.

		Counting Geometry	Am-241	Cs-137	Gross Alpha	Gross Beta	Units	Samples / Day	Expected TAT for first sample
Gamma Spectroscopy	Soil	250 mL Jar	.002	1e-4			µCi/Sample	84	6 hrs
	Air	2/4 Jar	.0005	1e-4			µCi/Sample	84	6 hrs
	Swipes	2"	.0005	1e-4			µCi/Sample	84	6 hrs
	Water	500 mL	.004	1e-4			µCi/L	84	6 hrs
	Resuspension	250 mL Jar	.001	1e-4			µCi/Sample	84	6 hrs
Proportional Counting	Soil	N/A					µCi/Sample		
	Air	2"			2.3e-6	6e-6	µCi/Sample		6hrs
	Swipes	2"			2.3e-6	6e-6	µCi/Sample		6hrs
	Water	N/A					µCi/L		
Radon-compensating Alpha/Beta Counter	Air	2"			2.3e-6	6e-6	µCi/Sample		6hrs
	Swipes	2"			2.3e-6	6e-6	µCi/Sample		6hrs
Liquid Scintillation	Water	15/5 UGXR			2.3e-6	6e-6	µCi/L	2400	6hrs
	Air	18/0 UGXR			2.3e-6	6e-6	µCi/Sample	2400	6hrs
	Swipes	18/0 UGXR			2.3e-6	6e-6	µCi/Sample	2400	6hrs

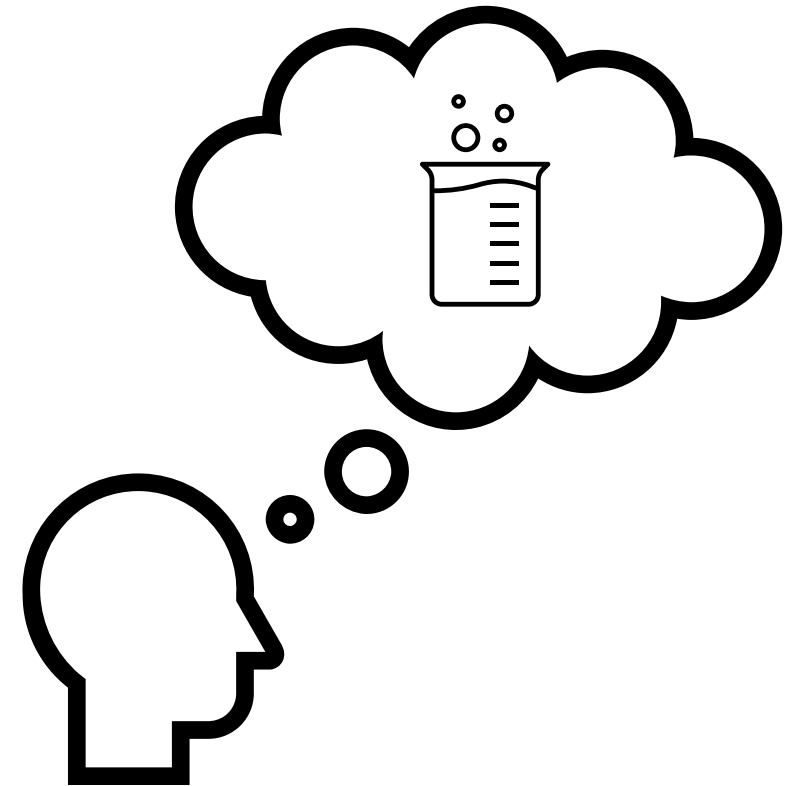
- Laboratory point of contact, physical address, and shipping address
- Radioactivity thresholds
- Analysis capabilities, standard geometries, and standard count times/detection limits

## Gather this information ahead of time!



From a radiochemistry perspective, what can your lab provide to FRMAC in an emergency response?

- What equipment/staffing do you have?
  - Can the lab provide 24/7 services?
- What analysis methods are normally run?
- What matrices can you handle?
- What are the rad license limitations?





# Analysis Request Form



Page 1 Cover Page

Analysis Request: ADF 0001

<b>Laboratory:</b> GTS Denver Lab <b>Send To:</b> Name: [Blank] Address: 620 Evans St Suite 600 Denver, CO 80202 Phone: [Blank] Fax: [Blank] Email: [Blank]	<b>Request:</b> SWAC Lab Analysis Request <b>Request To:</b> Name: [Blank] Address: [Blank] Phone: (303) 451-1700 Fax: [Blank] Email: [Blank]
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Laboratory Comments: [Blank]

Request Management Comments: [Blank]

Examples Incorporated in the Analysis Request Form:

Barcode	Type	Collection Date	Sample Size	Container
SWAC-001	SWAC Specimen	01/20/2018 10:00	100 µg (solid)	SWAC-001
SWAC-002	SWAC Specimen	01/20/2018 10:00	100 µg (solid)	SWAC-002
SWAC-003	SWAC Specimen	01/20/2018 10:00	100 µg (solid)	SWAC-003

Page 2 - ?? Sample/Analyte List

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SWAC-002	SWAC Specimen	01/20/2018 10:00	100 µg (solid)	SWAC-002
SWAC-003	SWAC Specimen	01/20/2018 10:00	100 µg (solid)	SWAC-003
SWAC-004	SWAC Specimen	01/20/2018 10:00	100 µg (solid)	SWAC-004
SWAC-005	SWAC Specimen	01/20/2018 10:00	100 µg (solid)	SWAC-005
SWAC-006	SWAC Specimen	01/20/2018 10:00	100 µg (solid)	SWAC-006
SWAC-007	SWAC Specimen	01/20/2018 10:00	100 µg (solid)	SWAC-007
SWAC-008	SWAC Specimen	01/20/2018 10:00	100 µg (solid)	SWAC-008
SWAC-009	SWAC Specimen	01/20/2018 10:00	100 µg (solid)	SWAC-009
SWAC-010	SWAC Specimen	01/20/2018 10:00	100 µg (solid)	SWAC-010
SWAC-011	SWAC Specimen	01/20/2018 10:00	100 µg (solid)	SWAC-011
SWAC-012	SWAC Specimen	01/20/2018 10:00	100 µg (solid)	SWAC-012
SWAC-013	SWAC Specimen	01/20/2018 10:00	100 µg (solid)	SWAC-013
SWAC-014	SWAC Specimen	01/20/2018 10:00	100 µg (solid)	SWAC-014
SWAC-015	SWAC Specimen	01/20/2018 10:00	100 µg (solid)	SWAC-015
SWAC-016	SWAC Specimen	01/20/2018 10:00	100 µg (solid)	SWAC-016
SWAC-017	SWAC Specimen	01/20/2018 10:00	100 µg (solid)	SWAC-017
SWAC-018	SWAC Specimen	01/20/2018 10:00	100 µg (solid)	SWAC-018
SWAC-019	SWAC Specimen	01/20/2018 10:00	100 µg (solid)	SWAC-019
SWAC-020	SWAC Specimen	01/20/2018 10:00	100 µg (solid)	SWAC-020

Last Page: Chain of Custody

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Received By	Name (Print)	Signature	Date/Time
Received By	_____	_____	_____
Received By	_____	_____	_____
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# How Labs report data to FRMAC

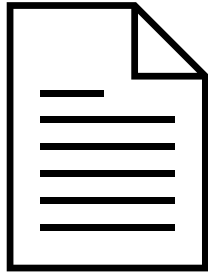
The screenshot shows the RadResponder web application interface. The top navigation bar includes the RadResponder logo, a dropdown menu for 'FRMAC Lab Analysis Capston...', and links for 'Lab Portal', 'DOE FRMAC', 'About', 'Our Network', 'Resources', and 'Contact'. The user 'Fournier, Sean' is logged in. The main content area is titled 'Analysis Request' and features a search bar, a 'Filters' dropdown, and a table of analysis requests. The table has columns for Name, Status, Laboratory, Mixture, Shipment Date, Shipment #, Shipped To POC, Shipped To Phone, Analysis POC, Analysis POC Phone, and Pending Message. Two rows of data are visible.

Name	Status	Laboratory	Mixture	Shipment Date	Shipment #	Shipped To POC	Shipped To Phone	Analysis POC	Analysis POC Phone	Pending Message
ARF	Sent to Laboratory	Fly Away Laboratory - (Org)	Mix-07302020-InitialModel	08/26/2020 11:26	handcarry	FAI supervisor	--	Fournier, Sean	(505) 401-7758	No
ARF-0001	Completed	DOE-CM Test Lab - (Org)	NPP_V4	02/21/2020 07:08	FEDEX# 123456789ABC	--	--	Fournier, Sean	(505) 401-7758	Yes

- CBRNResponder.net Lab Access Portal
- Only see analysis request information sent to their lab
- Post files to website, FRMAC reviews the files and imports the data to the RadResponder database
- Access Electronic Data Deliverable (EDD) file format

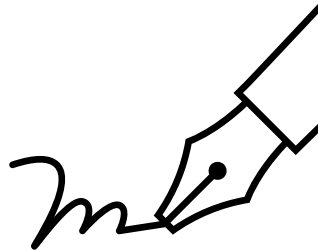
# Data Packages/ What FRMAC Requires

At minimum, what documents should you upload?



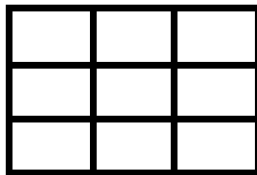
## Case Narrative

- Describes what was done to the samples
- Summarizes the QC results for the batch
- Explains any flags or issues encountered with the results



## Signed analytical report

- Shows who did the analysis and what settings were applied to the instrument

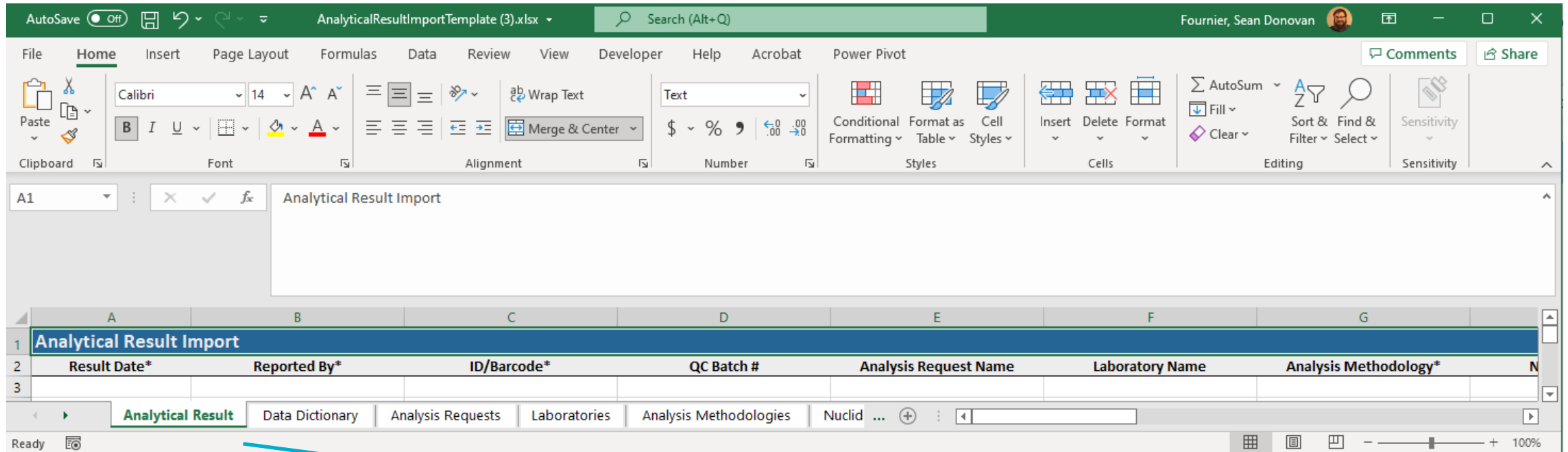


## Electronic Data Deliverable file used

- This way, FRMAC can re-upload data if necessary



# The CBRNResponder Electronic Data Deliverable (EDD) file



The result template has many tabs, the most important is the **Analytical Result** tab, this is where you will put your reported results. We recommend your lab gets a copy of this file now and configures your LIMS to provide data in a convenient format to paste into this file. The more practice you get with this step of data reporting, the more smoothly the first ARFs will go.



# Electronic Data Deliverable Fields

- **Result Date** - this is the date/time the results are decay corrected to. On the ARF, the sample collection date/time should match this.

*Note: Be aware that the date/time on the ARF is in the time zone of the event and conversions may need to be made at the lab to correct them. Contact FRMAC with questions.*

- **Reported By** - This is the name of the person reporting the results on the Lab Portal and serves as the point of contact for questions related to the analysis
- **ID/Barcode** - This is the sample control number that FRMAC put on the samples, this is **NOT** the lab-generated sample ID that may have been created.

Analytical Result Import			
Result Date*	Reported By*	ID/Barcode*	QC Batch #
9/26/22 9:31 AM	Reese, Robert	SCF-987656	GAMMA-29633
9/26/22 9:31 AM	Reese, Robert	SCF-987656	GAMMA-29633
9/26/22 9:31 AM	Reese, Robert	SCF-987656	GAMMA-29633
9/26/22 9:32 AM	Reese, Robert	SCF-987657	GAMMA-29634
9/26/22 9:32 AM	Reese, Robert	SCF-987657	GAMMA-29634
9/26/22 9:32 AM	Reese, Robert	SCF-987657	GAMMA-29634
9/26/22 9:32 AM	Reese, Robert	SCF-987657	GAMMA-29634





# Electronic Data Deliverable Fields

- **QC Batch ID** - This is the lab-generated identifier that shows which samples were batched together at the lab. Every lab will have a different system for identifying batches. This helps the data reviewers find the right portions of the data package.
- **Analysis Request Name** - This is the ARF ID on the analysis request, this ties the result data to the ARF and sample in the system
- **Laboratory Name** - this is the name of your laboratory in CBRNResponder. Copy/paste the lab name from the list located in the reference tab called “Laboratories”

QC Batch #	Analysis Request Name	Laboratory Name
GAMMA-29633	ARF-987654	Sandia National Laboratories RPSD - (Org)
GAMMA-29633	ARF-987654	Sandia National Laboratories RPSD - (Org)
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GAMMA-29634	ARF-987654	Sandia National Laboratories RPSD - (Org)
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37	ORISE/IEAV	
38	OSU Radiation Center	
39	Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL)	
40	RDLRNC	
41	RMARL	
42	Sandia National Laboratories RPSD - (Org)	
43	Savannah River Nuclear Solutions	
44	SCDHEC Rad Lab - (Org)	
45	State Hygienic Laboratory at the University of Iowa	
46	State of Maryland DHMH Laboratories Administration	
47	Texas Department of State Health Services Laboratory - (Org)	
48	UT-Austin NETL LAB - (Org)	
49	Vermont Department of Health Laboratory	
50	Washington State Department of Health Public Health Laboratories	
51	Waste Isolation Pilot Plant Laboratory	
52	Winchester Engineering & Analytical Center	
53	Wisconsin DHS Mobile Laboratory	
54	Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene	
55		

← → Analytical Result | Data Dictionary | Analysis Requests | **Laboratories** | Ar



# Electronic Data Deliverable Fields

- **Analysis Methodology** - This is the analysis method from the ARF paperwork pertaining to the analysis.
- **Nuclide Type** - This is the name of the analyte for the result, be sure to match the syntax in the Nuclide Types tab on the EDD template
- **Result** - This is the numerical result for the analyte. Report a numerical result whether positive, negative, or zero. If the result is below the critical level, report that numeric result. **Do not** use qualifying statements like “<Lc” or “Not Detected”
- **Result Unit** - This is the radioactivity concentration unit for the numerical result, be sure to match the requested units indicated on the Analysis Requirement section on the ARF. It is usually safe to default to uCi as the unit.

Analysis Methodology*	Nuclide Type*	Result*	Result Unit*
Gamma Spectroscopy	Am-241	0.261351351	uCi
Gamma Spectroscopy	Co-60	0.000804324	uCi
Gamma Spectroscopy	Cs-137	0.013781081	uCi
Gamma Spectroscopy	Am-241	1.129313929	uCi/kg
Gamma Spectroscopy	Co-60	0.012266112	uCi/kg
Gamma Spectroscopy	Cs-137	0.20024948	uCi/kg
Gamma Spectroscopy	K-40	0.007808732	uCi/kg



# Electronic Data Deliverable Fields

- **Uncertainty/Error**- This is the total propagated uncertainty (TPU) for the analytical result
- **Coverage Factor**- This is the quoted sigma level (i.e.  $1\sigma$  or  $2\sigma$ ) for the result (do not include a sigma character and decimals are accepted)
- **MDA/MDC** - This is the minimum detectable activity or concentration of the measurement determined by the Currie method with a 5% false positive/negative rate (95% confidence interval). If your lab uses a different approach, note this in the comment field and the case narrative.

Uncertainty/Error	Coverage Factor	MDA/MDC
0.052302703	2.00E+00	0.001310811
9.61081E-05	2.00E+00	2.00811E-05
0.001669189	2.00E+00	5.75676E-05
0.226029106	2.00E+00	0.009480249
0.001187027	2.00E+00	0.000177963
0.024133056	2.00E+00	0.000691892
0.001716424	2.00E+00	0.000568815



# Electronic Data Deliverable Fields

- Measured Critical Level** - This is the measurement critical level, in the same units as the result as determined by the Currie method with a 5% false positive/negative rate (95% confidence interval). If your lab uses a different approach, note this in the comment field and the case narrative.
- Quantity as Analyzed** - This is the sample size, measured by the lab, used in the determination of the activity concentration.
- Quantity Unit** - This is the unit for the numeric quantity field

Measured Critical Level	Quantity as Analyzed	Quantity Unit
0.000654054	1	
7.91892E-06	1	
2.75676E-05	1	
0.004731809	0.325	kilograms
7.70062E-05	0.325	kilograms
0.000338462	0.325	kilograms
0.000175468	0.325	kilograms



# Electronic Data Deliverable Fields

- Wet or Dry?**- This indicates if the sample was dried in an oven prior to analysis. In some cases FRMAC may request that samples be analyzed before drying and after drying.
- Lab Qualifier**- This field relates to the QA status of the results, refer to the Lab Qualifiers reference tab for a list of options.
- Comment**- This is an open text field for the lab to use to make a comment on the result. Be sure to explain any reasoning behind choosing Estimated or Rejected as the Lab Qualifier.
- Upload Type** - This field is used by FRMAC to make corrections to data already imported to the database, do not use.

Wet or Dry?	Lab Qualifier	Comment	Upload Type
	Approved		
	Approved		
	Approved		
Wet	Approved		
Wet	Approved		
Wet	Approved		
Wet	Approved		

Lab Qualifiers	
Approved	Result is approved by the lab and has a numeric result above the measured critical level
Estimated	Result is approved by the lab but has issues that may cause inaccuracies or biases in the result
Less Than Lc	Result is approved by the lab but the numeric result is below the measured critical level
Rejected	Result is rejected by the lab and the reason is noted in the comment field

# What does the FRMAC QA Specialist do?

- Check that COC records are complete
- Check that all samples have been analyzed to the specifications on the ARF
- Check that the count time and/or Lc requirements were met
- Check that the data package is complete
- Check QA/QC samples run by the lab passed specifications (that the lab normally uses)
- Provides any notes/comments on this Data Verification Form

Custody records continuous and complete

Comment for custody records continuous and complete...

All requested analytes reported for all samples on ARF

Comment for all requested analytes reported for all samples on arf...

Results reported in correct units

Comment for results reported in correct units...

Uncertainty and detection limits reported

Comment for uncertainty and detection limits reported...

Measurement sensitivity requirements met

Comment for measurement sensitivity requirements met...

Electronic data compare correctly against reports

Comment for electronic data compare correctly against reports...

All necessary reports included in data package (requested data package level requirements met)

Comment for all necessary reports included in data package (requested data package level requirements met)...

Lab-reported QC data meets requirements

Comment for lab-reported qc data meets requirements...

**Comment**

Any additional comments can be placed here



# Import of EDD to CBRNResponder Analytical Results Database



- EDD files are carefully reviewed and imported to the database that does further syntax checking
- Minor issues in syntax may be corrected by the QA specialist who will repost the file to the ARF documents page
- Major issues may require communication with your laboratory to resolve
- Once in the system, FRMAC scientists use the data to respond to important requests for information (RFIs)

### Analytical Result Import

Import a New File

Import File \*  Change Clear Upload \* Indicates required field

Import Date \*  UTC  Local

[Download template file with instructions](#)

**Note:** Files created using Libre Office may not work. We recommend using Microsoft Office 2010 or newer.

[Import History](#) >

### Analytical Results

[Export](#) [Import Results](#) [Assessment Mode](#) [+ Create Result](#)

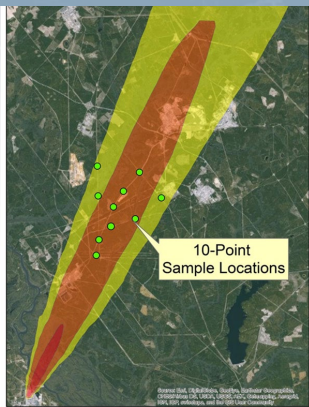
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ID	Result Date	Owning Organization	Recorded By	ID/Barcode	Data Type	Laboratory	Analysis Methodology	Nuclide	Result	Unit	Coverage Factor	Visible to Full Participants?	Visible to Approved Data Only Partners?	Latest Assessment Step	Latest Assessment Status
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# Participation in Drills and Exercises



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# Importance of Drills and Exercises



## Drills and Exercises:

- Help train personnel and condition them to react in a specified, directed, organized, consistent and efficient manner.
- Familiarizes and prepares Responders with probable and potential real world events.



# Typical Scenarios Exercised, Drilled, and Events Supported



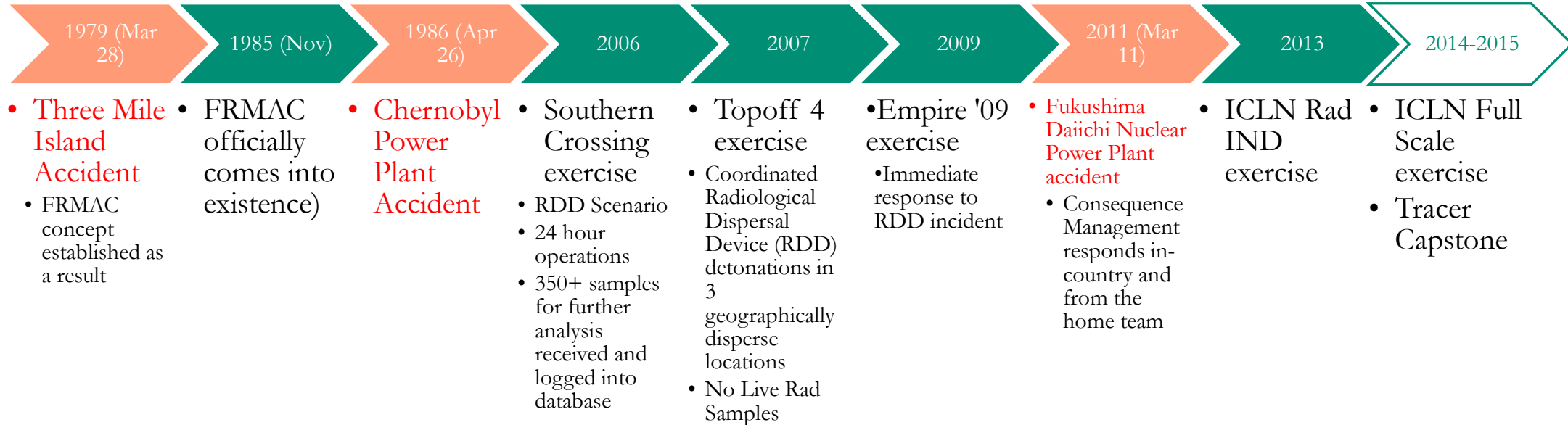
- Nuclear Power Plant Accidents
- Radiological Dispersion Device (RDD) various scenarios
- Nuclear detonations
- NASA space probe launches
- Compromised sources
- **Any** release or potential release of radiological material that activates the Consequence Management Program at NNSA

# Drills and Exercises Purpose

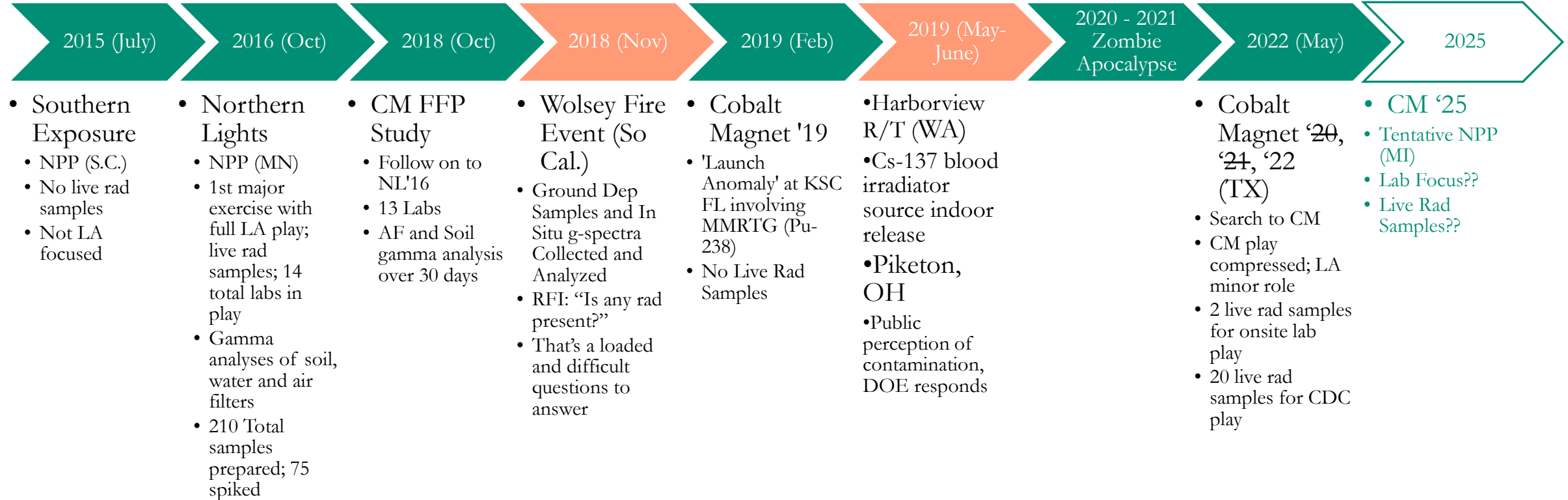


- Exercises and drills are planned with a general scenario
  - All planners design various aspects and attributes to meet a set of objectives (to be prepared as best as possible for a real event) and get the most beneficial training for all responders/participants in the time allotted for the exercise.
  - Exercises and drills often contain things that cannot happen or will not happen under a particular scenario, but are included to help train and prepare responders for most any event that may occur.
  - Sometimes failures are deliberately put into the exercise to help responders to know what to do or to seek alternative methods to accomplish the intended response.
- At the end of the exercise, a Hot Wash is conducted to capture what went well, what did not go well, all the gaps in the current process, lessons learned, etc.

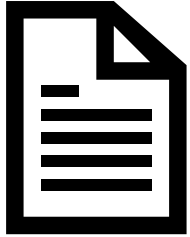
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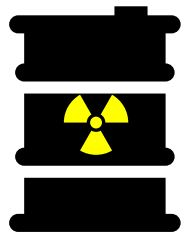
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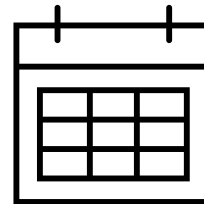
# Plan ahead to respond to an emergency – What your Laboratory can do today to prepare



Create emergency response standard operating procedures (SOPs) that allow more flexibility than routine operations. Document standard matrices, geometries, count times and their detection limits.




Create a radioactive and mixed waste handling process, a waste addition log, and identify potential waste storage areas in and around your lab. Retaining leftover sample fractions will likely be required.

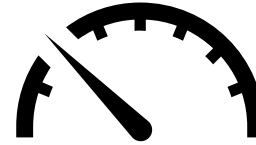


Work with staff to determine who may be available to work flexible schedules for 24 hour lab operations.

*“A good plan today is better than a perfect plan tomorrow”*  
– General George S. Patton



Implement modern rapid radiochemical methods to support emergency response and plan to generate data in the RadResponder EDD format.



Create a plan for more stringent contamination monitoring during emergency response operations. Samples will likely have more radioactivity than normal environmental samples.



Obtain USDA Permits to receive domestic and foreign soil samples.



If Sample Control and Laboratory Analysis has a well established process that is effective, then the Data Assessors, and Decision Makers can be effective.

### Ineffective decision-making



Standard lanes of traffic open

### Effective decision-making

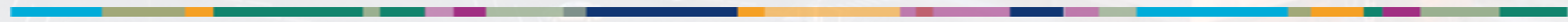


All lanes of traffic open for evacuation





Questions for you!



## How can your lab get involved?



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  - Lynn Jaussi**  
NNSS  
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(702)295-7134
- Let us know what your lab is able to do and who your points of contact are, they will be included in our list of laboratory contacts
- What can we do today to help prepare for an emergency?
- What is your appetite for volunteering to participate in intercomparison exercises?
- Is there anything we have not covered that we need to know?

# Register for a laboratory organization on CBRNResponder.net



- Go to: <https://www.cbrnresponder.net/>
- Request an account
- Select “DOE FRMAC” as your sponsoring organization
- Message to sponsor:
  - We are a radioanalytical laboratory that can support emergency response efforts
- Request new organization
- Chainbridge Technologies (the developers of CBRN responder) may reach out to you for more information. Be sure to let them know you are a laboratory and need a laboratory organization.

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## Questions for you – by show of hands



- Which labs have responded to, or supported, some sort of emergency in the past?
- Which labs have rapid Sr-89/90 analysis methods for environmental and food samples?
- Which labs have the capability to model off-normal calibration geometries for gamma spectroscopy measurements?
- Which labs routinely correct calibrations and measurements for the coincidence summing phenomenon in gamma spectroscopy?
- Which labs are interested in volunteering to support round-robin and intercomparison exercises with fresh fission product materials?

## Questions for you



In the intermediate to late response phase FRMAC will need many labs to get involved

- What do we need to do on day 1 of the incident to prepare to have contracts/MOU/SOW/Purchase Order agreements, etc. in place by the time we need to send samples to you?
- What can be done **today** to pre-plan for your involvement in the response?

What effort would it take to configure your LIMS to generate data in the CBRNResponder format?

What can we do on the CBRNResponder software side to make this easier for your lab to do?

# Model Scope of Work



FRMAC has a "model scope of work" in the Lab Analysis Manual, appendix F.

[https://www.nnss.gov/docs/docs\\_FRMAC/FRMAC%20Lab%20Analysis%20Manual%202013.pdf](https://www.nnss.gov/docs/docs_FRMAC/FRMAC%20Lab%20Analysis%20Manual%202013.pdf)

Can we get your feedback about what we should put in there to give us a leg up in establishing official analytical contracts with you during an incident?

## Appendix F: Model Scope of Work

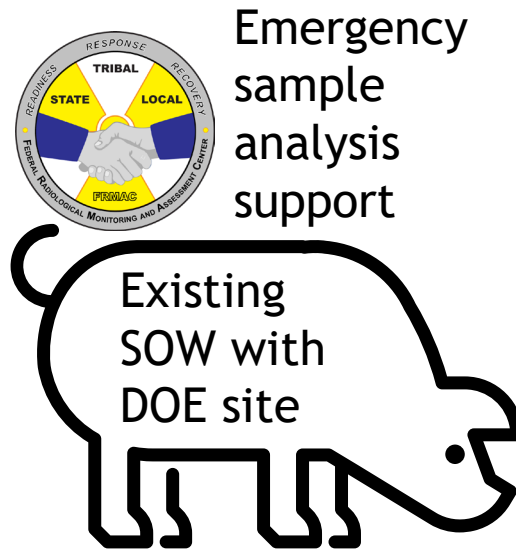
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## Questions for you



If you have existing contracts with DOE sites, or EPA, how might we "piggyback" on those by establishing clauses for emergencies? How much flexibility can be built in to enable us to get the services we need with the minimal procurement hold up?



# Questions for you



What other networks/states do you support for radiological samples?

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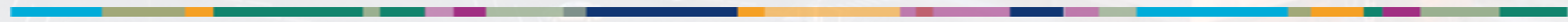
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DoD Laboratory Network	Laboratory Response Network	National Animal Health Laboratory Network	National Plant Diagnostic Network	Food Emergency Response Network	Environmental Response Laboratory Network	Veterinary Laboratory Investigation & Response Network
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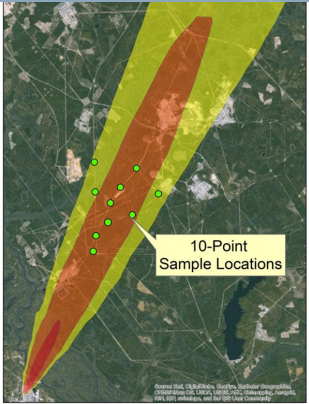


Thank you for your time!





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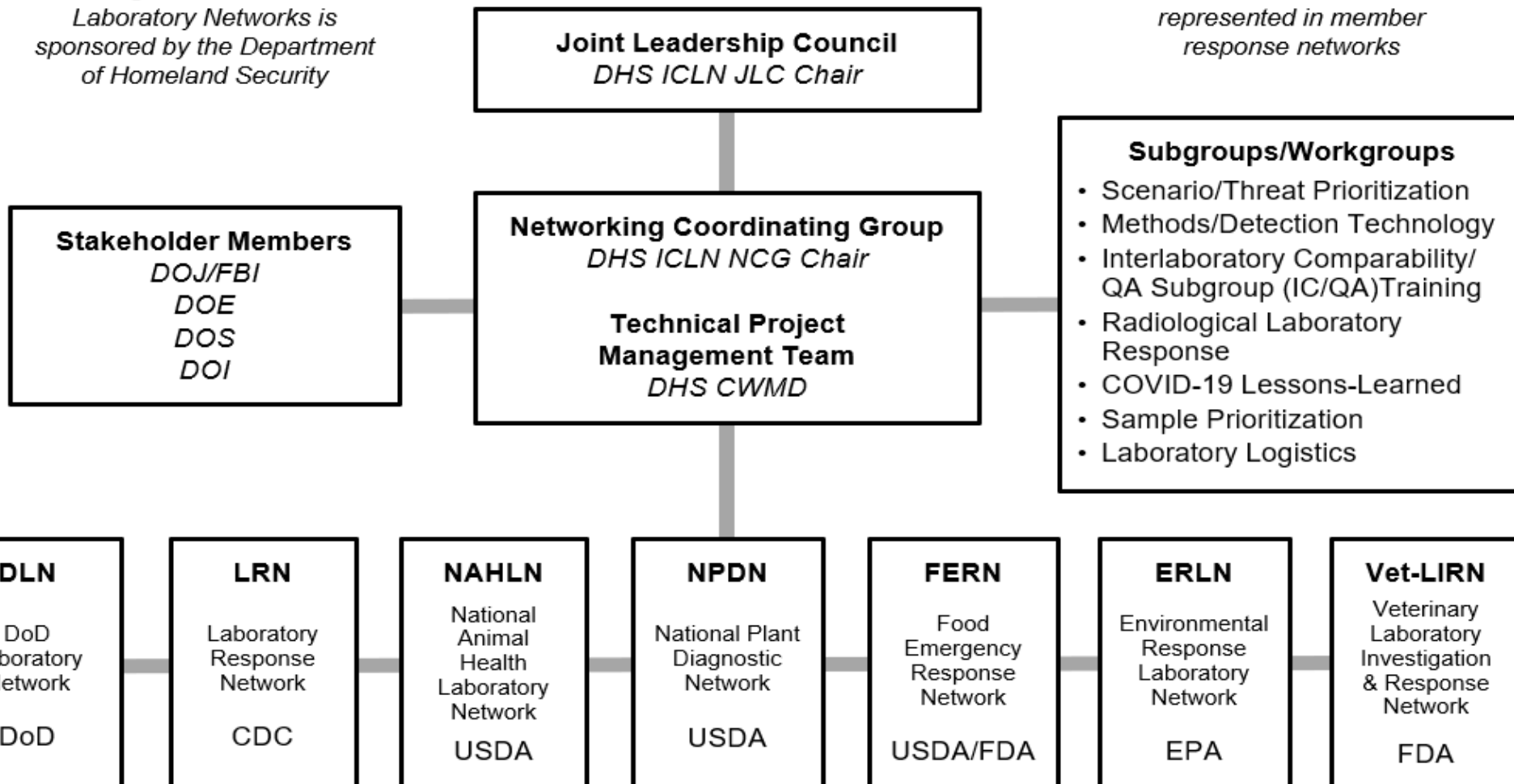
# ICLN Organizational Structure



## THE INTEGRATED CONSORTIUM OF LABORATORY NETWORKS

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# Addressing the Unique Resources of Radiological Laboratories for Emergency Response



## Why is this important?

This allows for more strategic preplanning for laboratories to identify and address potential shortages.

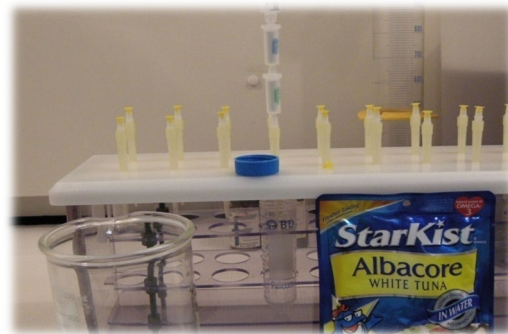
- Limited availability;
- Available only from a single or limited number of vendors; and
- Long lead times for acquisition.

## Technology

- Instrumentation (purchase/repurpose)

## Supplies

- Standards
- Resins
- Reagents



## General Preparation

- Permits, licensing
- Advance packaging, shipping, and delivery protocols with overnight carriers
- Staffing plan and WP&C documentation to address 24/7 operations
- Cross-training of staff
- Install IT infrastructure
- Establish formal and informal agreements and accelerated procurement processes
- Plan for acquisition of temporary secure storage space
- Increase instrumentation automation and data-processing steps where possible
- Adopt rapid methods for use during an emergency response
- Develop a plan and **EXERCISE** for long-term operations

- For Information on other ICLN Documents you can visit

<https://www.icln.org/subgroups.cfm#radiological-laboratory-response>

“Radiological Laboratory Response - Limiting Issues” (May 2009)

“The Tenuous Future of Radiological Laboratories” (Oct 2018)

“Radiological Laboratories - Executive Summary for Senior Executives/Administrators” (Sep 2020)

