Thematic Area 7: Response to Nuclear Security Events





Nuclear Security Response Experience in Malaysia

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MALAYSIA

Legal Infrastructure for Nuclear Security

National

Instruments

Elements from International Nuclear Security Instruments:

- Convention on Physical Protection on Nuclear Materials & its Amendment
- Code of Conduct on Safety and Security of Radioactive Source
- IAEA Nuclear Security Series

National Instruments Act 304:

Preamble- Supervision & Control of atomic energy

BSRP 2010:

Reg.70 – Protection against theft, lost & sabotage

Reg. 71 – Reporting and its content

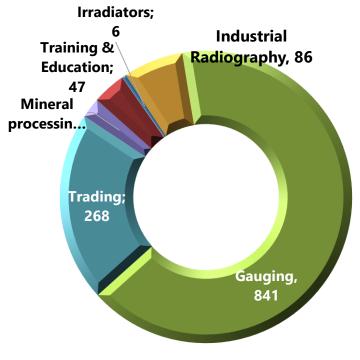
License's Conditions

Security Plan

- National Directives on Crisis and Terrorism management (Directive No. 18), National Security Council
- Strategic Trade Act 2010 (Act 708)
- Criminal Procedure Code Act 2012 (Act 593)
- Security Offences (Special Measures) Act 2015 (Act 2012)
- Prevention of Terrorism Act 2015 (Act 2015)

Regulatory Control





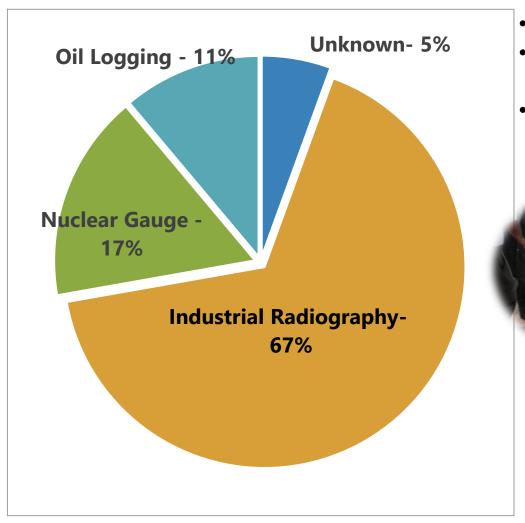
NUMBERS OF LICENSE HOLDERS - 1193

Sources: eSPP AELB 2018

Areas of Nuclear Security Control



Recorded Case of Nuclear Security Events

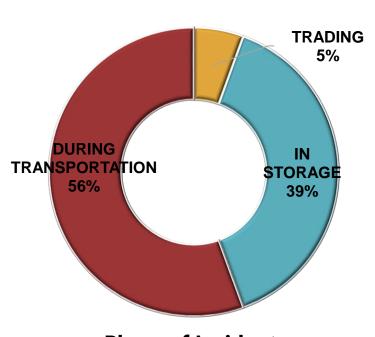


- Data from 1990s to 2017
- Radioactive sources Mobility increase vulnerability
- Events due to theft, stolen, missing and lost.

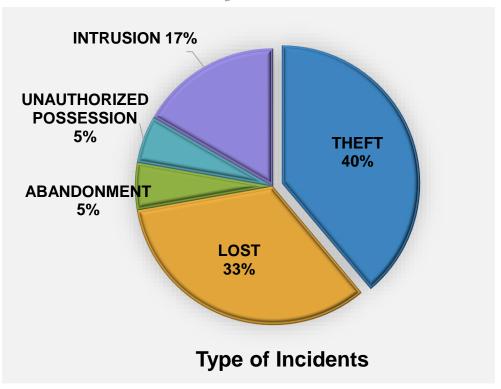


Crime Scene & Exhibits

Phase & Type of Nuclear Security Events



Phase of Incidents









THE AWAKENING EVENT

Stolen of gamma projectors



The Case

- > February 09th 2017
- ➤ Two (2) units of gamma projectors model Sentinel 880 Delta belongs to an industrial radiography company was stolen from a vehicle parked at commercial building in Klang, Selangor Material
- ➤ Sources involved were Iridium192 with Activities of 43.6 and 35.8 Ci respectively
- ➤ The Sources were left unattended in the vehicle in front of main premises
- ➤ The incident was reported to local Police and AELB immediately
- ➤ Malaysia also reported the case to ITDB, IAEA

The Response

- ➤ On the reported day, join search was conducted by AELB with the cooperation from Royal Malaysian Police (RMP)
- > The company conducted independent search to targeted areas around the city.
- ➤ After extensive searching effort, the housing of gamma projector was first found at a illegal scrap metal premise close to the licensee premise
- ➤ The Ir-192 sources was found at a residential area adjacent to the scrap metal premises



awakening

- ➤ The gamma projector were properly dismantled and sent to illegal scrap metal premise
- ➤ The Ir-192 sources were placed at residential areas separately
- ➤ The depleted uranium shielding were not found together with the housing of the gamma projector
- > The suspects does not received excessive dose
- > One public (The cleaner) received radiation exposure







The Iridium Sources

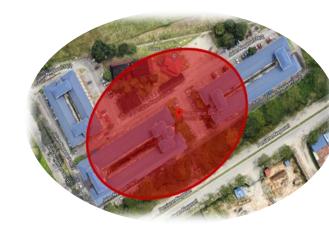


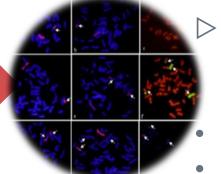
Locations where the sources were found

Resources and Efforts for Response



- more than 250 residents
- more than 50 houses





Dose assessment - TLD & Chromosome Abrasion Test

- Affected residents
- Rescue team

- Medical surveillance
- Affected residents
- Rescue team

Operation: Estimated Financial Loss



TOTAL LOSS RM 330K!!! **RM 35K**



RM 10K



PEMERIKSAAN KESIHATAN KERANA PENUMUAN BAHAN BERADIOAKTIF

| February 13, 2017 | Uncategorized | No Comments











RM 15K



Post Operation: Non Tangible Cost

- ➤ Awareness to Terrorism/Criminal Group
- ➤ Addressing Public Fear and Concern
- ➤ Government Reputatio



Fatal Radioactive Device Lost Along

SOURCE: NST 14 FEBRUARY 2017 SOURCE: NST AUGUST 2018

Post Operation: Worst Case Scenario

Radiological Consequences

<u>Irdium -192</u>

- 43.6 Ci &
- 35.8 Ci

at 1.0 m for 8 hrs = 2658 mSvat 0.1 m for 1 hr = 33347 mSv

Worst Possibility

1st Death in Malaysia !!!

OVERALL CONSEQUENCES ANALYSIS

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Aug 24, 2018 - Malaysia has stepped up efforts to locate missing radioactive material, forming a "round the clock" task force to track down a device that ...

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Sep 14, 2018 - A radioactive source was reported missing on August 10 in Malaysia. Since then, Malaysian authorities have expressed growing concern about ...

No need to panic over missing radioactive device: Malaysian minister ...

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- Facing and Answering to International Society
- Credibility and reputation
 - Awareness and Understanding
- Searching and all Reasonable Efforts



- Root Cause Analysis
- Conspiracy and Theory
 - Loss and Cost



EFFORTS TO REGAINING CONTROL

Things to Ponder Responsibilities Vs Burden

Types of Events	Numbers
Intrusion	3
Lost	6
Theft	7
Unauthorized Possession	1



Counter-terrorism unit should take the lead

To be fair, the AELB has made efforts to regulate the movement of hazardous materials in Malaysia.

Hamrah described how the Board have equipped the country's ports and main points of entry with radiation detectors, and how Customs officers are trained handle detection.

But the concern is that these cases should be treated as a potential terrorist threat.

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'Missing radioactive material can easily be turned into bomb' | Free ...

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Police say radioactive device still missing, likely within Selangor ...

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