

Identifying Radioactive Sources at the Demolition Site

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Problem



- Radioactive sources are being incorporated into the world's scrap metal supply.
- Monitoring for radioactive materials

at the metal processing facilities does not guarantee detection of sources in scrap metal.

- To date, there have been 83 meltings of radioactive sources worldwide by metal processing facilities.
- It costs multiple millions of dollars to clean up a facility after a melting has occurred.
- Uncontrolled radioactive sources can cause severe illness and death if the radioactive material is exposed.
- Radioactive sources are not being identified and secured at their place of installation and are being disposed of in the scrap metal supply.
- Demolition sites are a major supplier of the world's scrap metal supply. The EPA training program will train demolition managers and workers to correctly and safely identify and dispose of on-site radioactive sources.

Program Objectives

■ Introduction:

Describes the purpose of the program, the information contained in the program and the navigation tools.

■ You Need to Know:

Trains both demolition management and site workers in the safe identification, handling and disposal practices

■ Opportunities:

Identifies opportunities to locate radioactive devices and gauges at every step of the demolition process.

■ Test Your Knowledge:

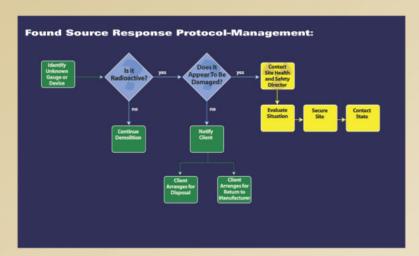
Tests the knowledge of the student.

■ Resources:

Provides resources for use in handling and disposition of found radioactive sources.







Typical radioactive devices at demolition sites











