

Overview of International Safeguards Technology

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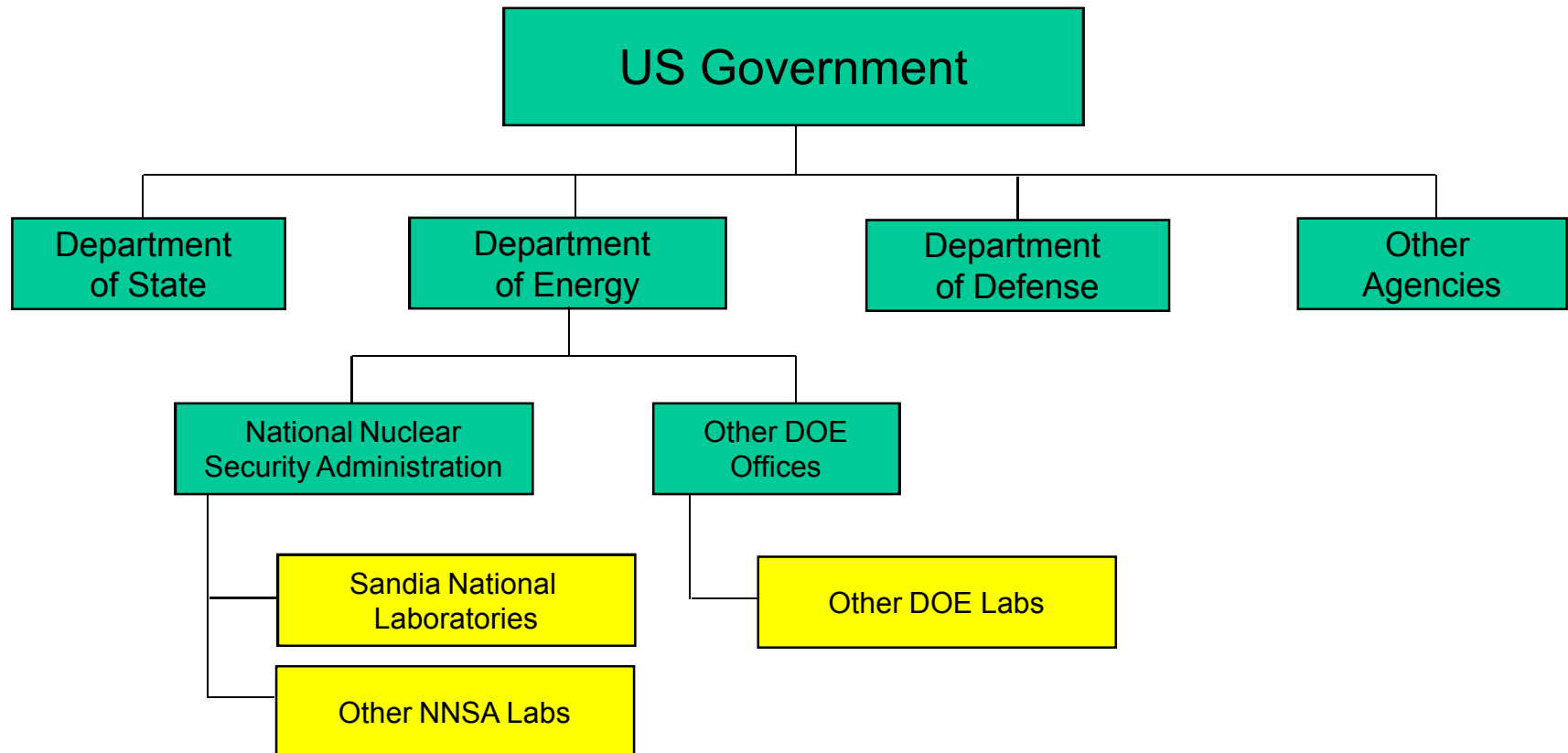
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Four Primary Mission Areas

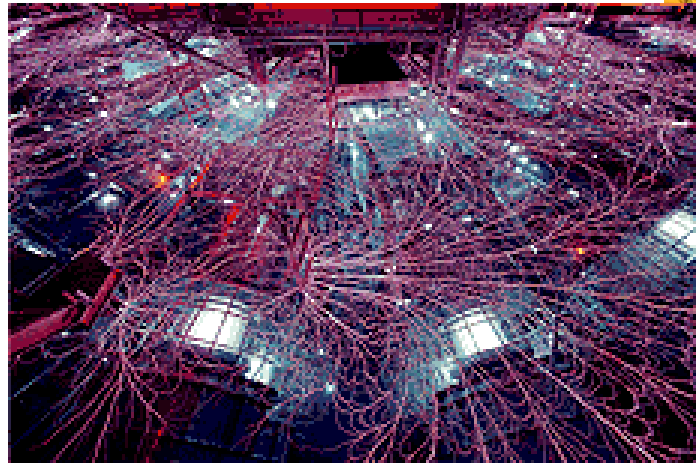
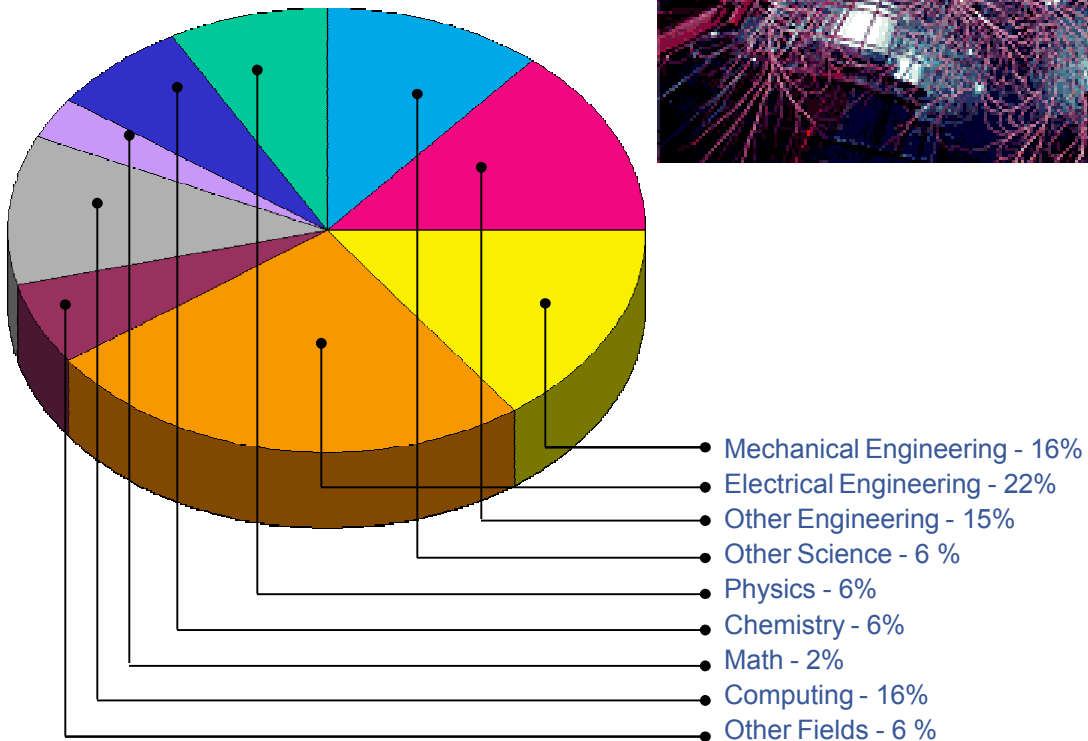


- Maintenance of Weapons Stockpile
- Defense Systems and Assessments
- Energy, Resources, and Nonproliferation
- Homeland Security and Defense

*Helping our nation secure
a peaceful and free world
through technology*

Highly Skilled Workforce

- More than 8,600 full-time employees
- More than 1,500 PhDs
- More than 2,700 MS/MAs
- 2,200 on-site contractors



(2006 data)

Distributed Facilities Meet National Needs



Albuquerque,
New Mexico



Kauai Test Facility,
Hawaii



Tonopah Test Range,
Nevada



Yucca Mountain,
Nevada



WIPP, New Mexico



Pantex, Texas



Livermore, California

Global Security & Engagement Programs

*Creating
sustainable
technology-based
system solutions through
International cooperation to
reduce the threat of WMD
proliferation and terrorism*

Nuclear/Radiological
Threats

Biological
Threats

Global Security
Engagement

Program Focus Areas



Sandia Science & Technology Base

International Business Infrastructure

Capabilities

Cooperative Monitoring Centers



Global Security Engagement and International Safeguards



Highlighted areas indicate past and present Global Security Engagements

International Safeguards Cooperation at SNL

- **Support Nonproliferation Goals of DOE/NNSA**
 - National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA)
 - Office of Global Security Engagement and Cooperation
- **Bilateral Cooperation Agreements**
 - U.S. Department of Energy and international partners
 - Euratom, ABACC
 - Japan, Korea, France, Brazil, Argentina, Australia, & other countries
- **Direct support to IAEA's Department of Safeguards**
 - U.S. Program of Technical Assistance to Agency Safeguards (POTAS)
 - Extra budgetary assistance
 - IAEA requests for support



SNL Specializes In Critical Aspects of International Safeguards

- **Equipment and Information Security**
 - Timely, accurate, and trusted information assessments
 - Authentication, encryption, tamper indication, and system design
- **Remote and Unattended Monitoring**
 - Unattended Safeguards instruments at facilities worldwide
 - Secure remote communication by internet, satellite, or telephone
- **Vulnerability Assessments**
 - Rigorous independent testing

SNL Core Capabilities for International Safeguards

- **Subject-matter Expertise**
 - Chemical analysis, materials science, cryptography, many others
- **Containment and Surveillance (C&S) Technologies**
 - Maintain “Continuity of Knowledge”
 - Tamper detection
- **Onsite Inspection and Managed Access**
 - Readiness procedures and training
 - Host and inspector
- **Geological Repository Safeguards**
 - C&S methods applied to geological repositories
 - Seismic detection, satellite imagery, other technologies
 - SNL repository experience
 - Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP)
 - Yucca Mountain
 - Participation in IAEA’s ASTOR working group
 - “Applications of Safeguards to Geologic Repositories”

Long-Term Engagements: SNL Staff Members Seconded to International Safeguards Assignments

- Cost-free expert to the IAEA Safeguards Training Section (1993-1995)
- Unit Head at the IAEA Seibersdorf Analytical Laboratory (2004-present)
- Cost-free expert to the IAEA Seals Unit (2000-2005)
- IAEA Cost Free Expert (2002-2007)
- JAEA International Research Fellows (1997-2009)

Remotely Monitored Sealing Array (RMSA)

Enables Remote Monitoring of Storage Facilities

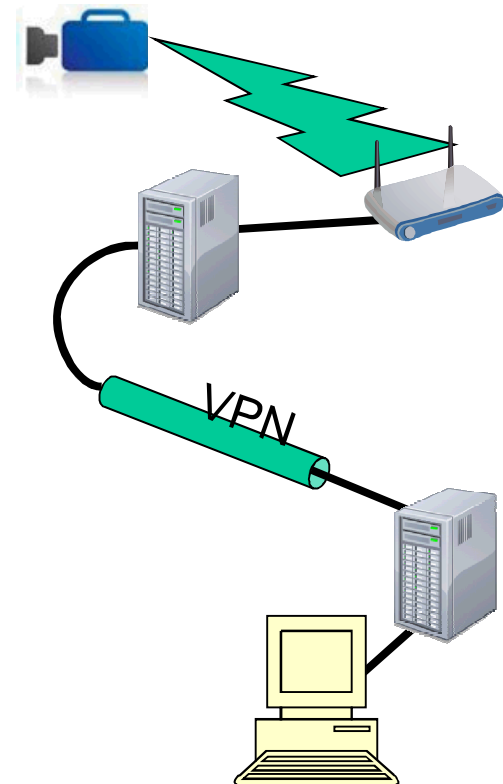
- **RMSA is an active-loop seal**
 - **IAEA Safeguards application**
 - Authenticated & encrypted wireless transmission
 - Advanced tamper indication and communications
 - **Low power consumption**
 - 4-5 years on one battery
 - **Easy to install**
 - **Low life-cycle cost**
- **Joint Effort**
 - Developed by *Sandia*
 - Manufactured by *Canberra*



RMSA
pre-production
prototype

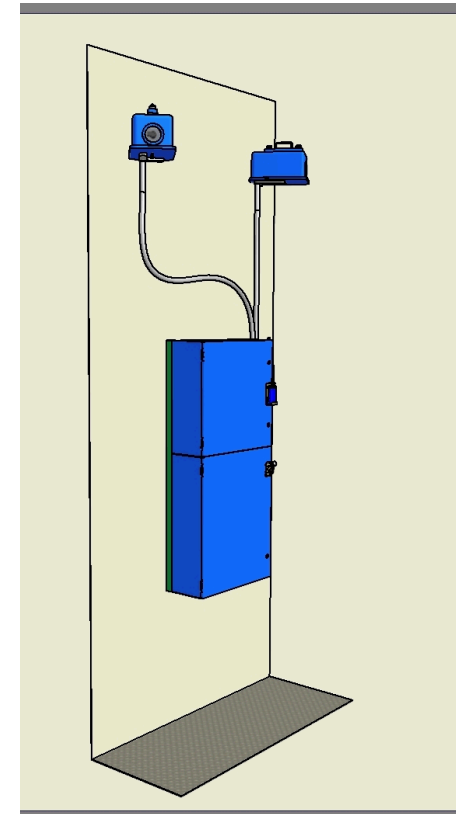
Euratom Action Sheets: Investigate Approaches for Equipment and Information Security

- **Secure Wireless Communication**
 - Short-distance wireless links
 - Within a facility
 - Virtual Private Network (VPN)
 - Secure Internet connection to remote sites
 - Authenticated and encrypted
- **Enhanced Data Authentication**
 - Secure Sensor Platform (SSP)
 - Versatile, standardized interface
 - Authenticated safeguards data



SNL and ABACC – Developing the Secure Video Surveillance System (SVSS)

- **DOE-ABACC Action Sheet**
 - Argentine-Brazilian Agency for Accounting and Control
- **Support for Unannounced Inspections**
 - Two-hour prior notice for unannounced inspection
 - Fast picture-taking interval
 - Video surveillance acquired after the inspection announcement
 - Strong authentication of images
 - Commercial, off-the-shelf components
 - Joint and/ or independent review by ABACC and IAEA inspectors
 - Surveillance technology presently in use by ABACC can no longer be maintained due to lack of replacement parts



Reflective Particle Tag (RPT) Being Developed to Seal the Welds on Nuclear Material Containers

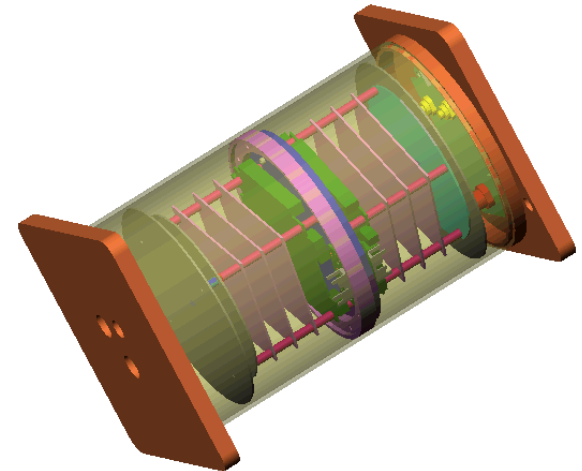
- IAEA application to ensure container integrity
- The speckle patterns of hematite particles embedded in epoxy are unique and impossible to duplicate
- Tag is easy to apply and field-readable
- System relies on controlled geometry for illumination and image acquisition
- Excellent reproducibility unless tampered



Reflective
Particle Tag
applied to a weld

Information Barrier Technology – One-Way Information Flow

- Traditional monitoring methods could reveal data that the host considers sensitive – such as the flow and enrichment of uranium in some areas of a plant
- Trusted Processor technology is a one-way information barrier system applicable to transparency and safeguards
- Supports reporting of safeguards conclusions without revealing sensitive operational data



Summary

- **Sandia National Laboratories Specializes in Technical Areas of International Safeguards**
 - Equipment and information security
 - Remote and unattended monitoring
 - Vulnerability assessments
 - Containment and surveillance techniques
 - On-site inspection and managed access
 - Geological repository safeguards
- **International Safeguards Cooperation Involves**
 - Bilateral agreements and engagement with international partners
 - Direct support of the IAEA through the US member state support program