

# Overview of International Safeguards Technology Development and Research at Sandia National Laboratories

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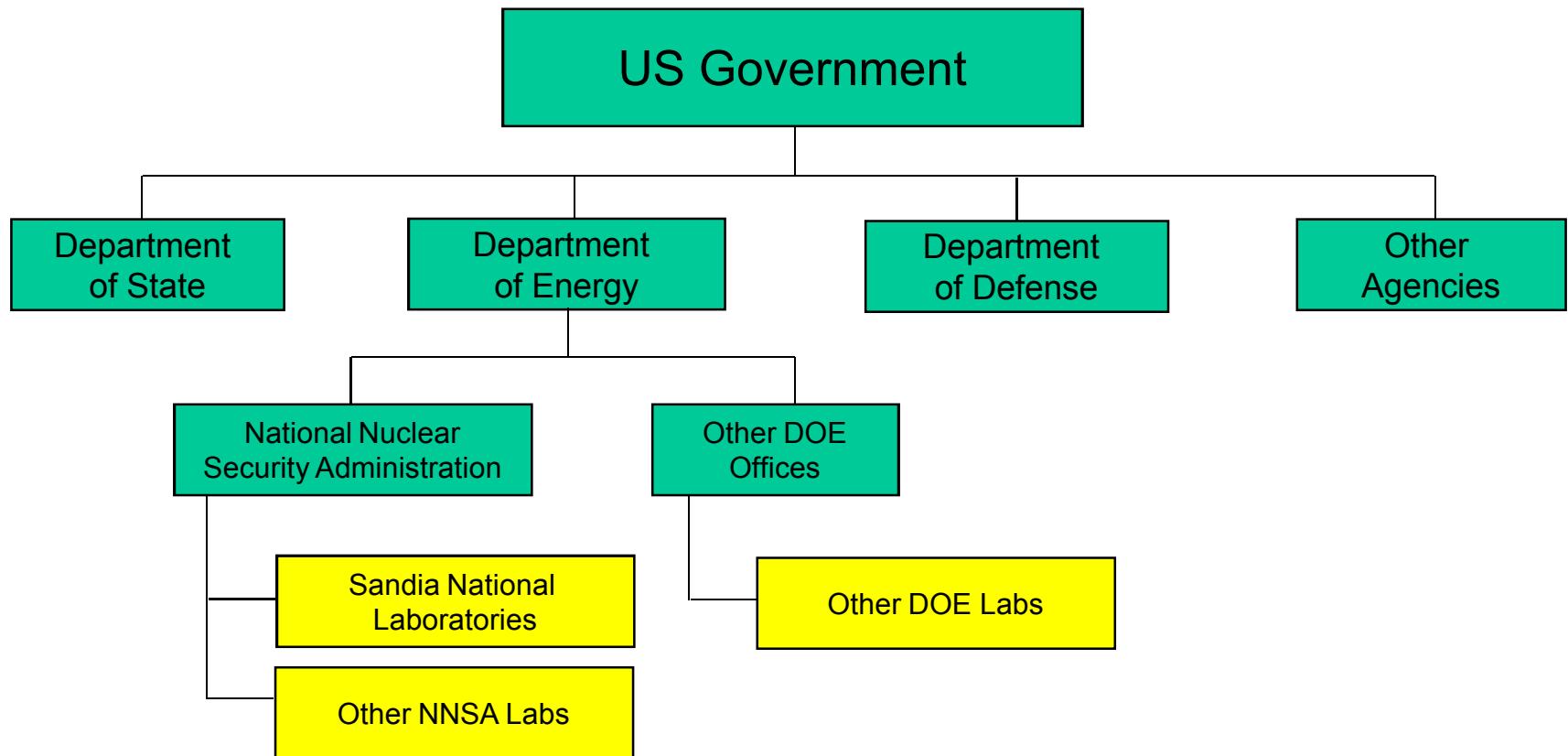


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# Relationship of Sandia National Laboratories to US Government

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# Four Primary Mission Areas

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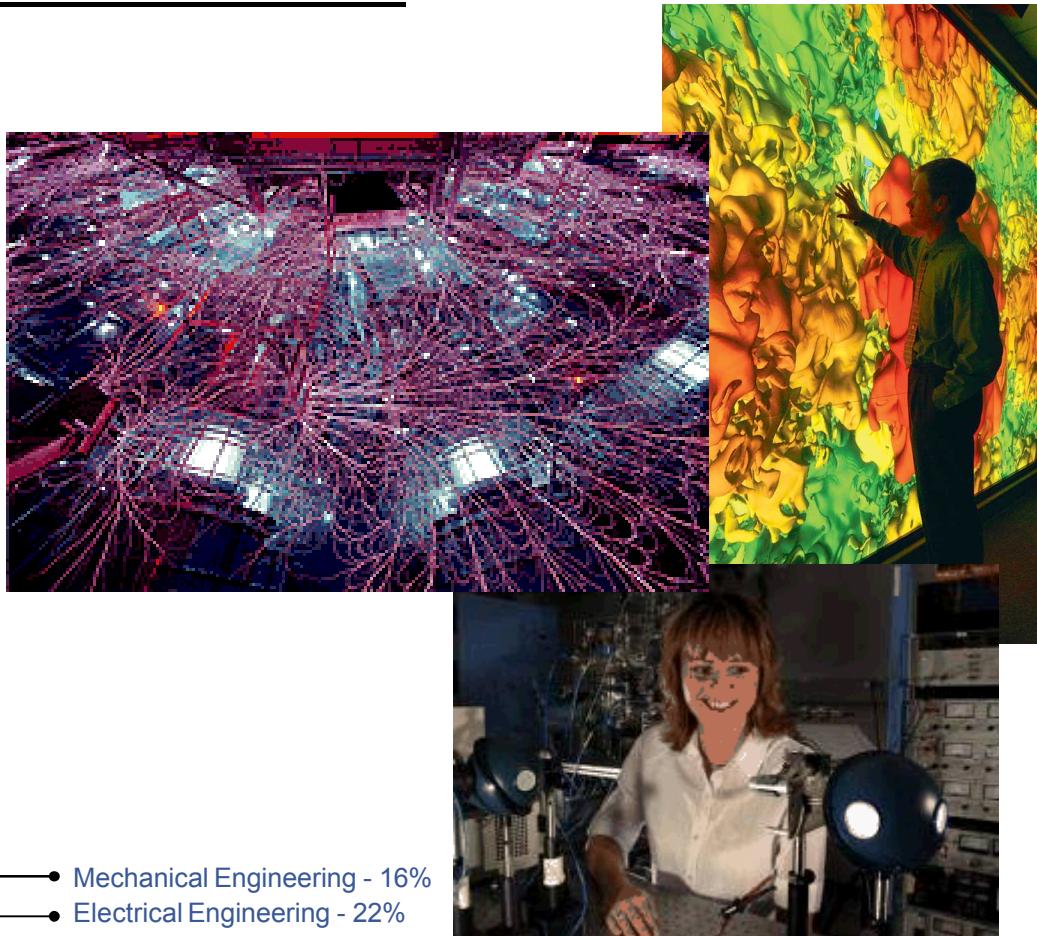
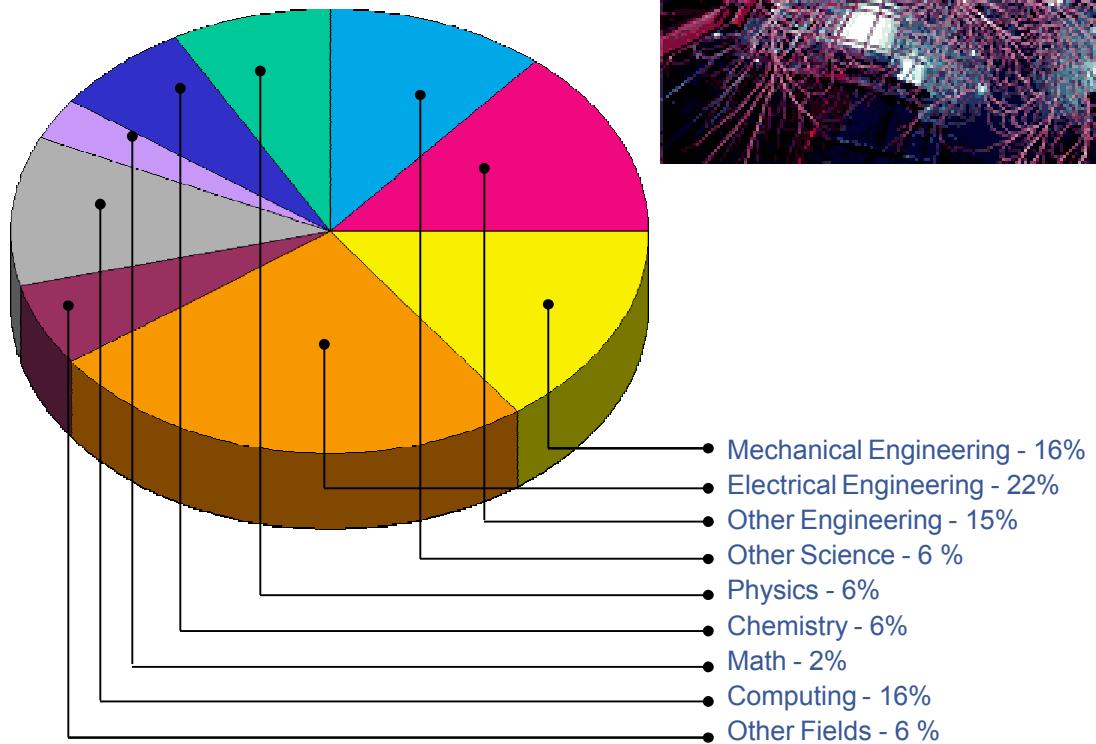


- Maintenance of Weapons Stockpile
- Defense Systems and Assessments
- Energy, Resources, and Nonproliferation
- Homeland Security and Defense

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

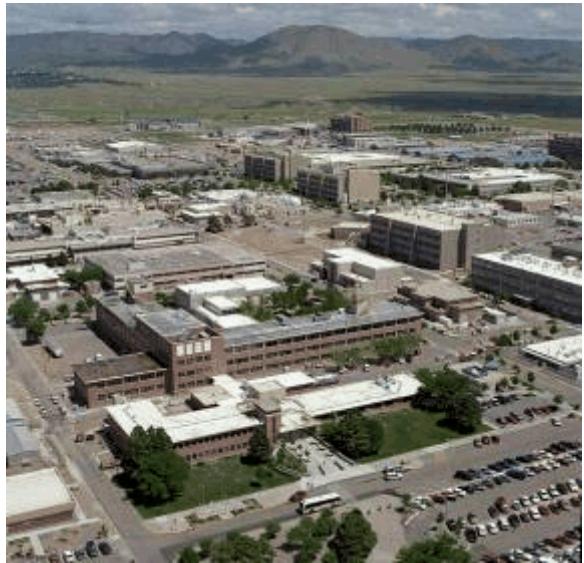
# Highly Skilled Workforce

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



# Distributed Facilities Meet National Needs

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Albuquerque,  
New Mexico



Kauai Test Facility,  
Hawaii



Yucca Mountain,  
Nevada



WIPP, New Mexico



Pantex, Texas

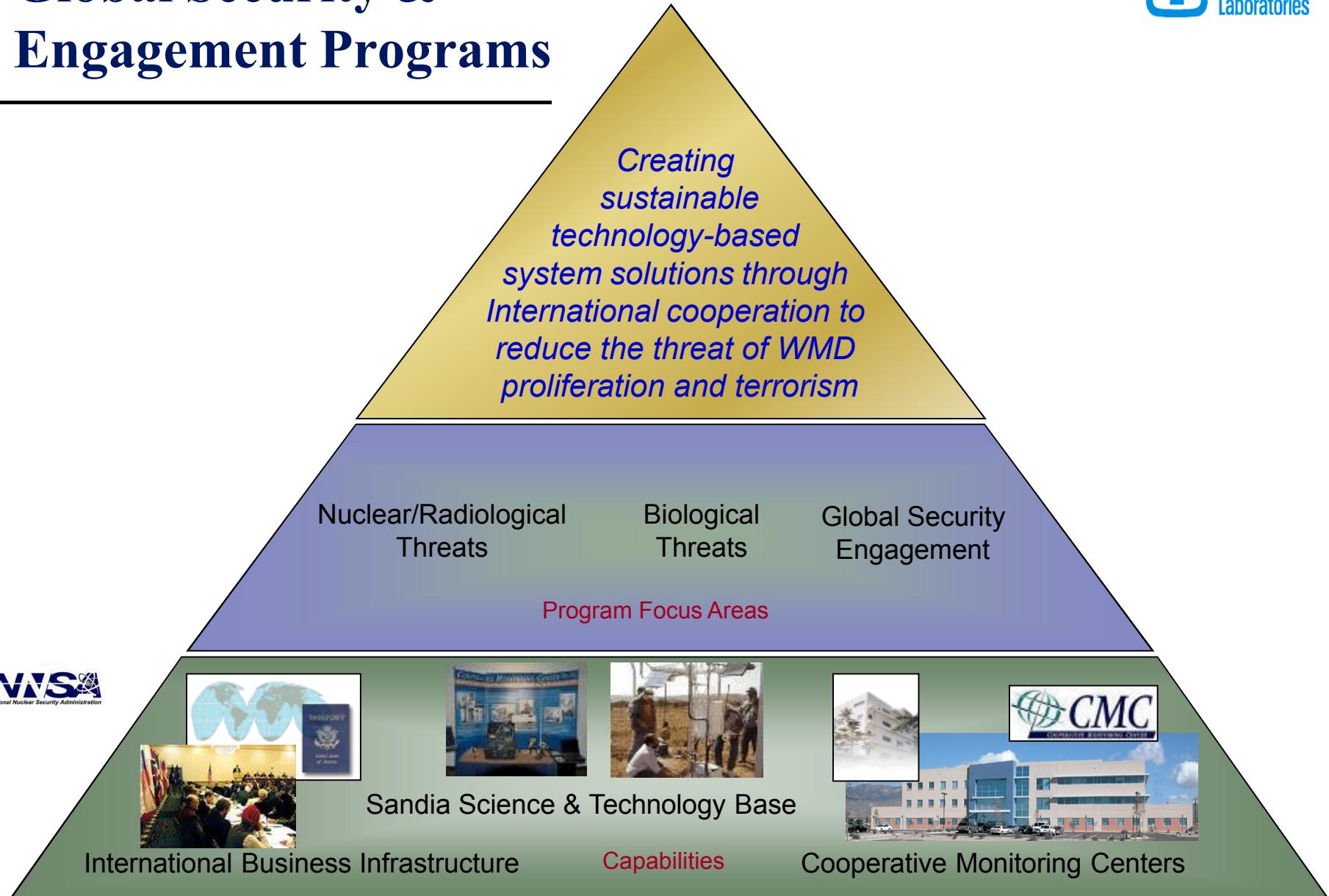


Tonopah Test Range,  
Nevada



Livermore, California

# Global Security & Engagement Programs





# Global Security Engagement and International Safeguards



Highlighted areas indicate past and present Global Security Engagements

# International Safeguards Cooperation at SNL

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- **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

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- **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

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- **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

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- 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

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- 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*

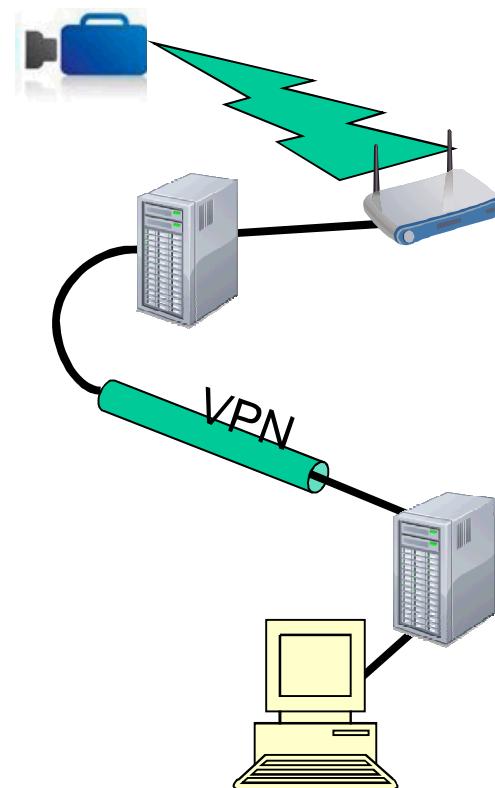


RMSA  
pre-production  
prototype

# Euratom Action Sheets: Investigate Approaches for Equipment and Information Security

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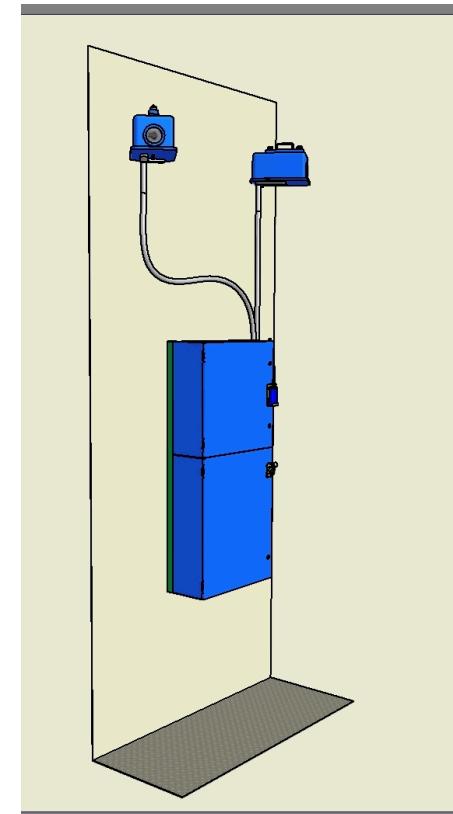
- **Secure Wireless Communication**
  - Short-distance wireless links
    - Within a facility
  - Virtual Private Network (VPN)
    - Secure Internet connection to remote sites
  - Authenticated and encrypted
- **Enhanced Data Authentication**
  - Secure Sensor Platform (SSP)
  - Versatile, standardized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



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

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- **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

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- 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

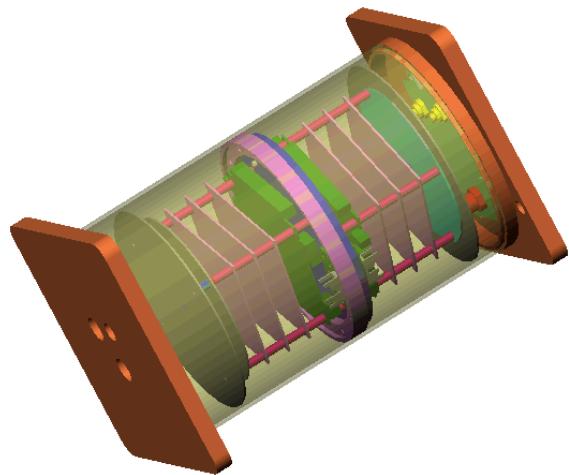


Reflective  
Particle Tag  
applied to a weld

# Information Barrier Technology – One-Way Information Flow

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- 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

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- **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