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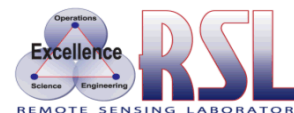
# FRMAC Laboratory Analysis Division What Every Laboratory Needs to Know



Laboratory Analysis Working Group

Sandia National Laboratories

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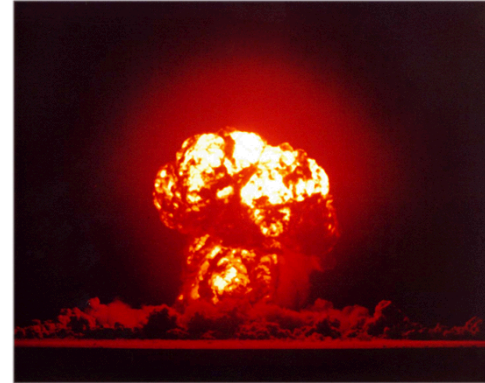


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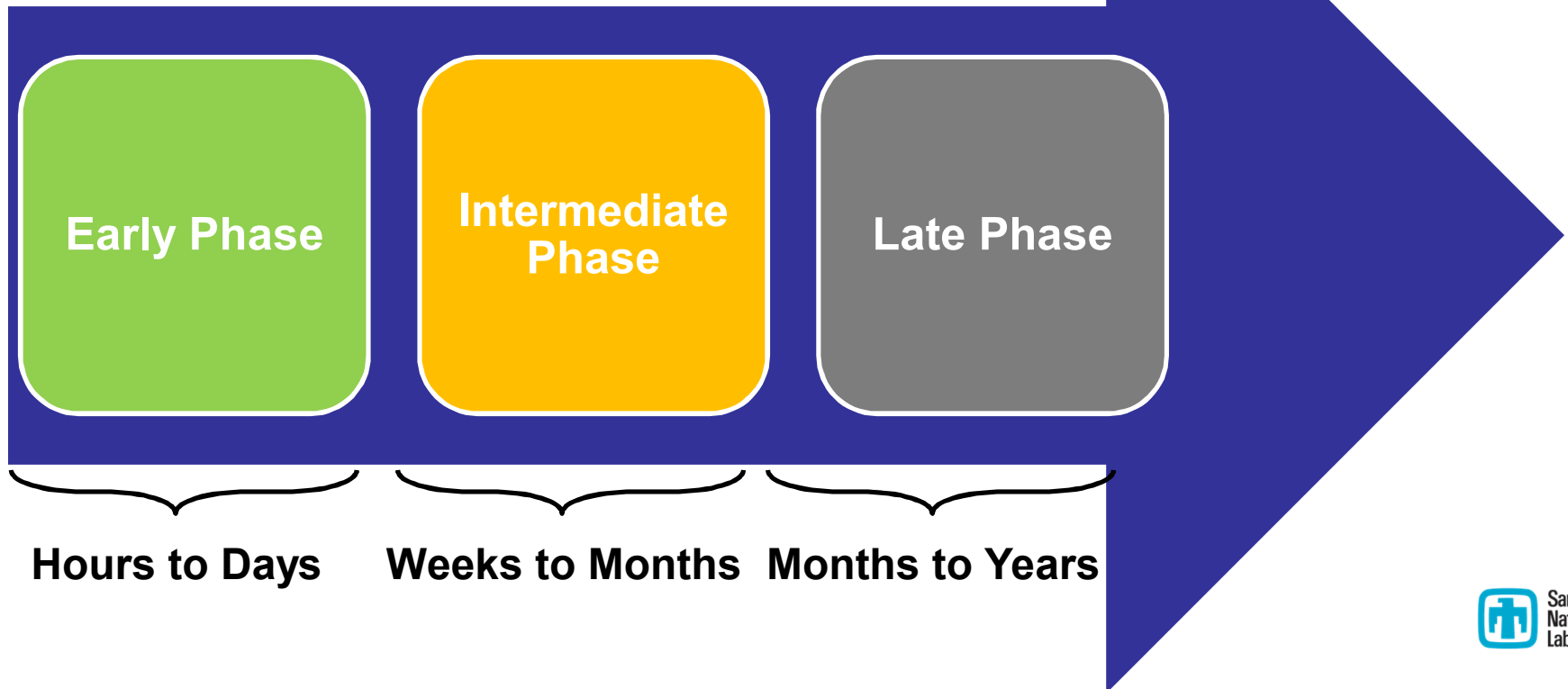
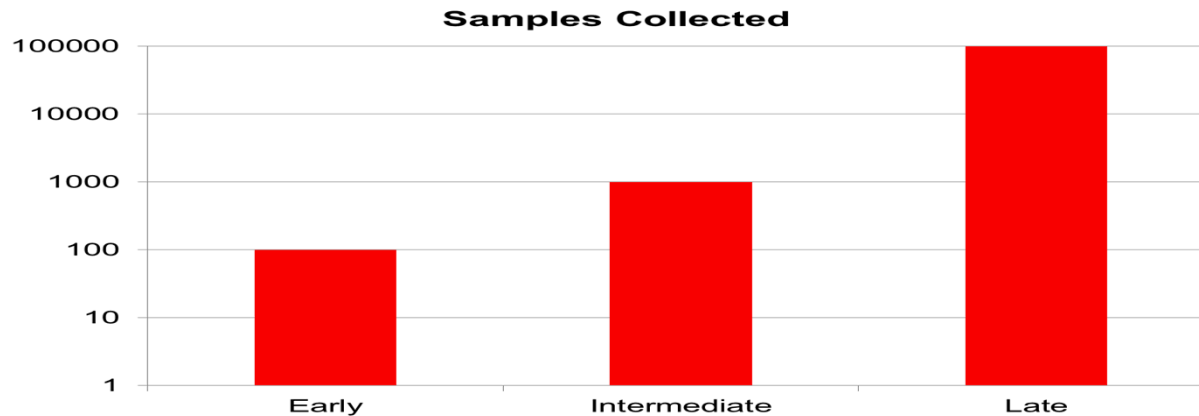
# A Federal Response to a Nuclear Emergency



- Nuclear Weapon
- Radiological Dispersal Device
- Nuclear Power Plant Release (large scale)
- Determination by the Office of the President to be a “National Level Emergency”



# Anatomy of a Response



# What is in place to respond?

## U.S. Department of Energy assets

- Radiological Assistance Program (RAP)
  - Rapid local response (small team of experts)
- Radiation Emergency Assistance Center/Training Site (REAC/TS)
  - Training for medical personnel
- National Atmospheric Release Advisory Center (NARAC)
  - Weather modeling and plume maps
- Aerial Measuring System (AMS)
  - Flight surveys using advanced detection equipment
- Design of the Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center (FRMAC)



# Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center (FRMAC)

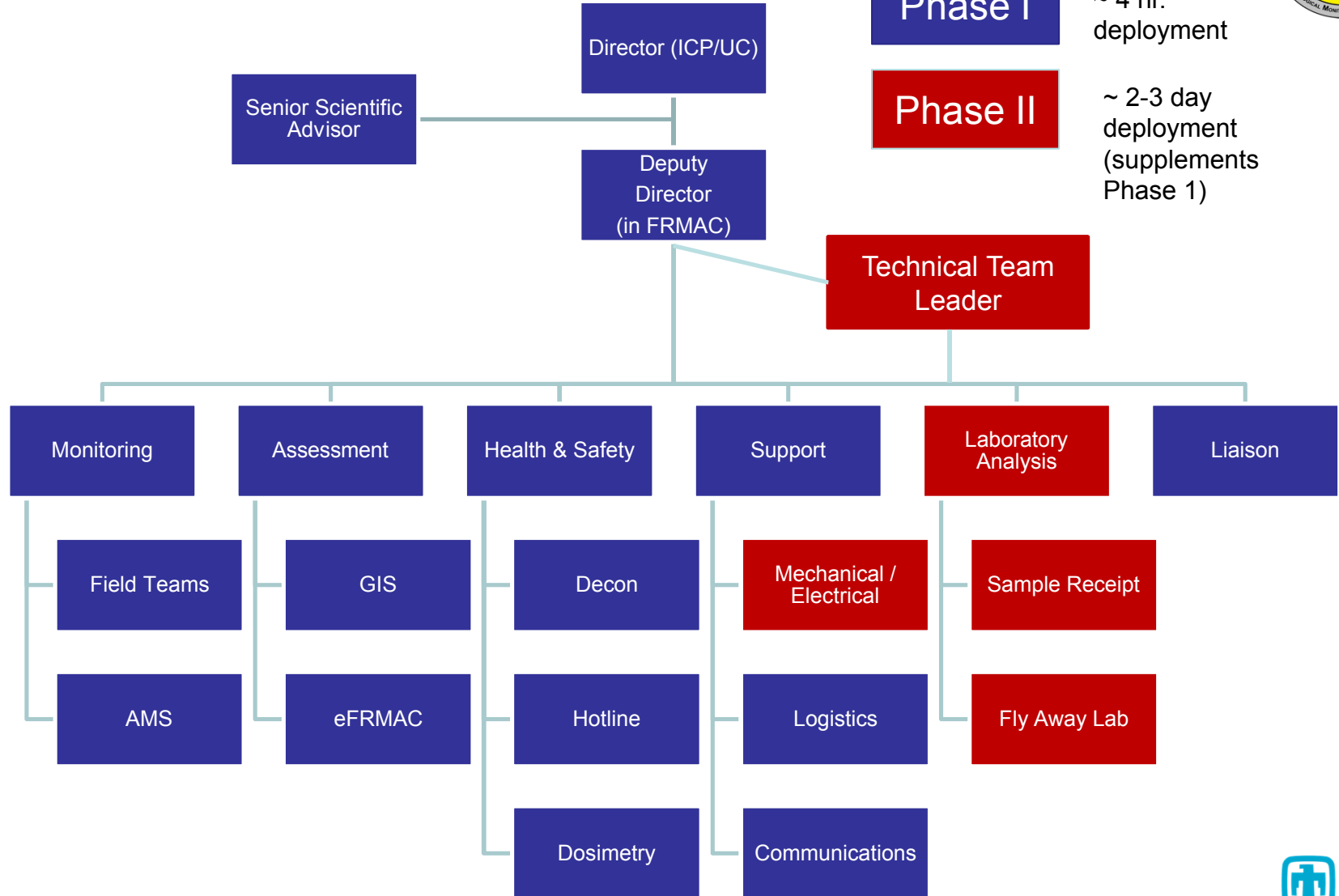


- **Multi-Agency** response effort conducted in two phases
  - Partners include: DOE, DoD, EPA, FDA, CDC, USDA
- Consequence Management Response Team (CMRT)
  - Phase I
  - Phase II
- Consequence Management Home Team (CMHT)
  - Off-location assets at the national laboratories



**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.

# Organizational Structure





# The six divisions of FRMAC



- Monitoring
- Assessment
- Health & Safety
- Support
- Liaison
- Laboratory Analysis



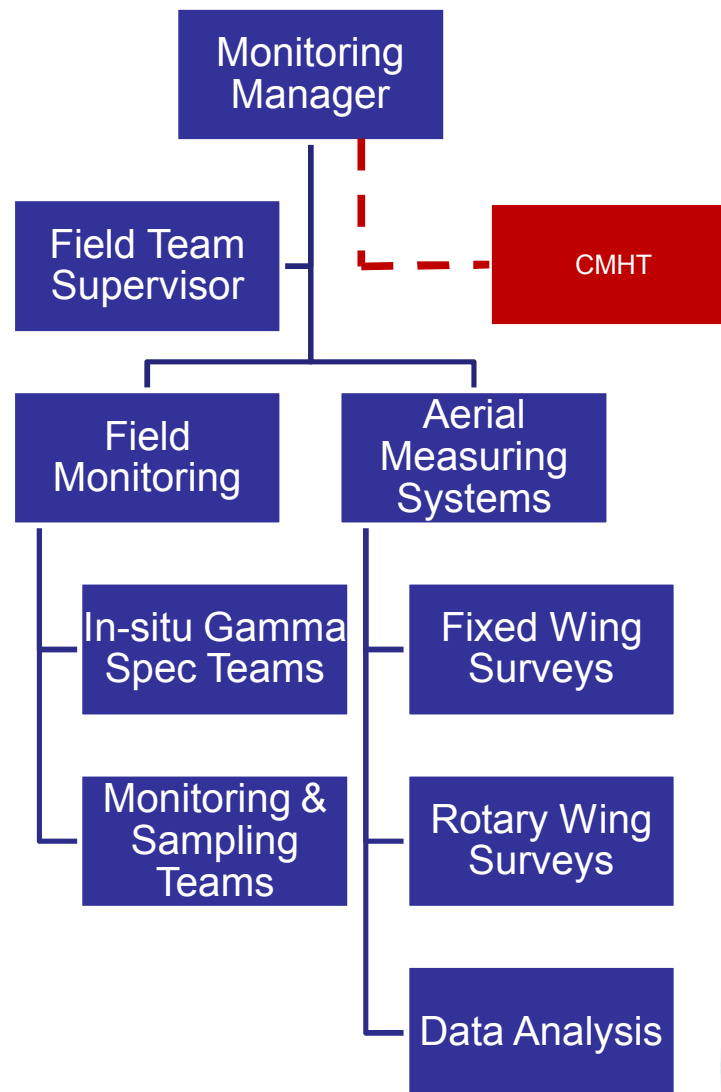
# FRMAC: Monitoring Division



- **Portable Instrument**
  - Exposure Rate
  - Contamination



- **Sampling**
  - Air
  - Water
  - Soil
  - Vegetation



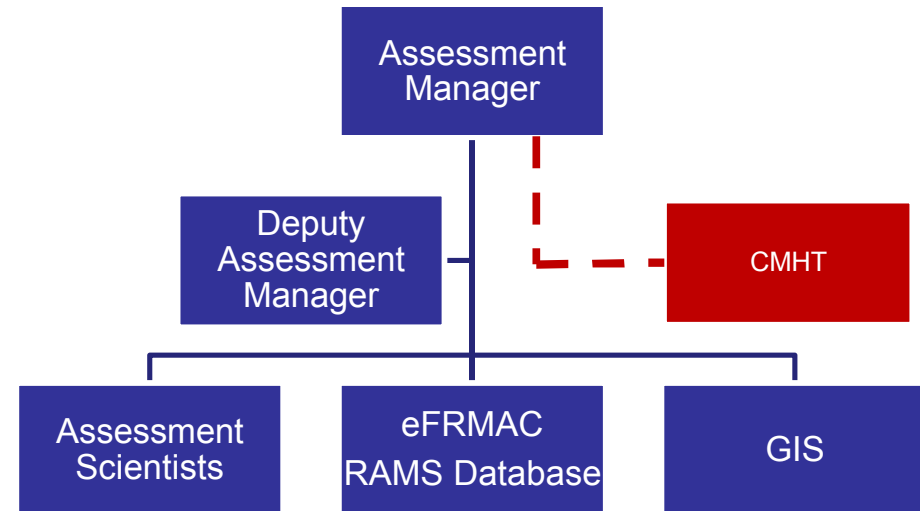
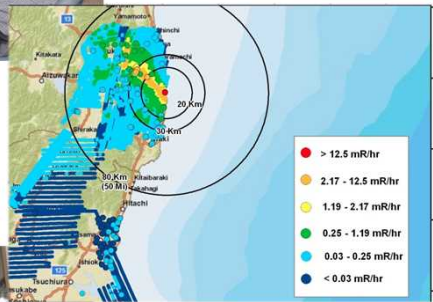


# FRMAC: Assessment Division



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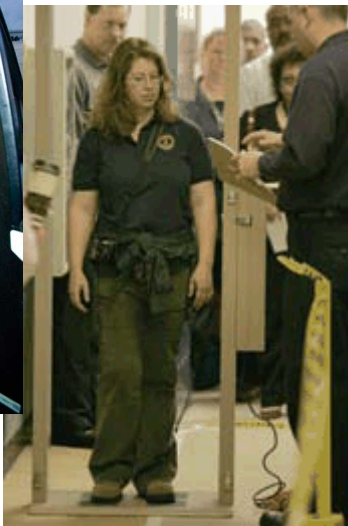
- Respond to requests for information
- Manage and prioritize action items
- Post products for interagency use
- Maintain situational awareness and coordinate with AMS & Monitoring
- Brief data, products, methods, etc to SEO, SSA and liaisons, as required



## Technical

- Determine which NARAC runs are required
- Provide worker stay times for field teams
- Analyze non-FRMAC assessment products
- Ensure lab analysis/field activities are coordinated (fill holes where applicable)
- Review data
- Generate data products
- Manage CM databases
- QA/QC all map products

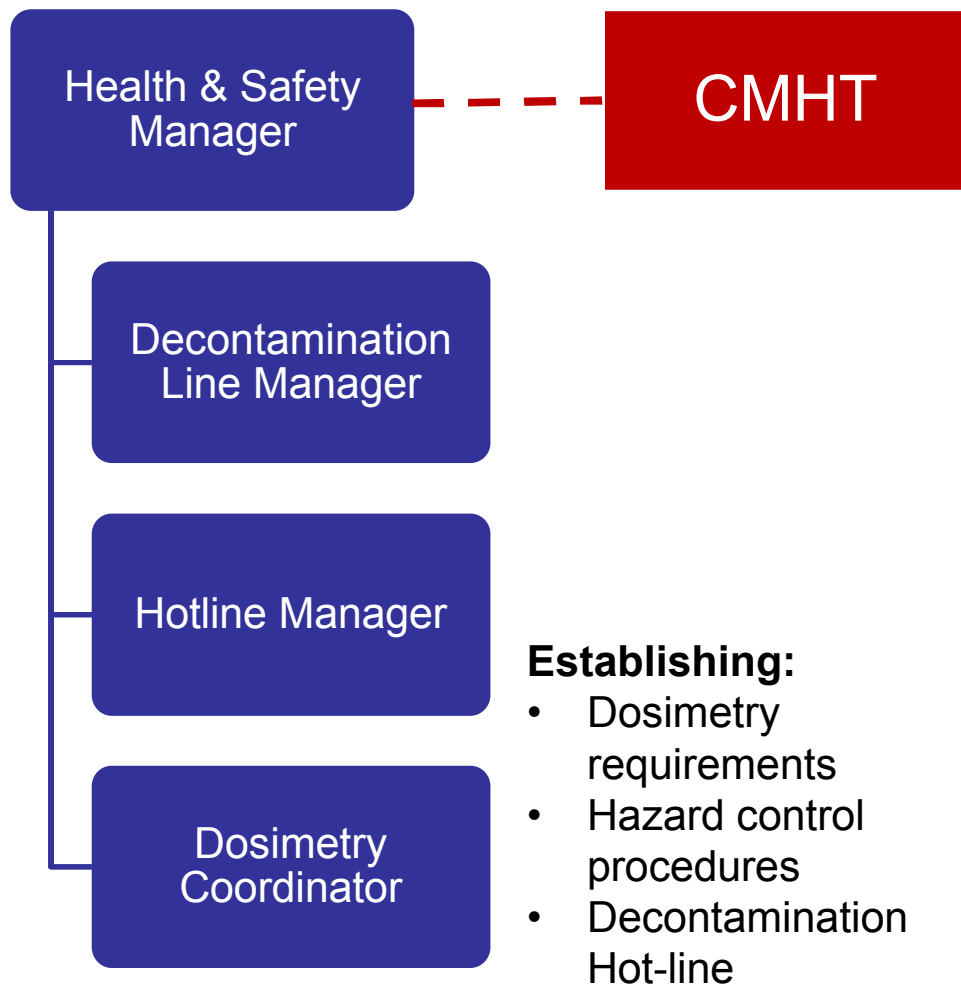
# FRMAC: Health and Safety Division



## Complete a Site Health & Safety Plan

### Identifying:

- Radiological hazards from the event
- Natural environmental hazards
  - In the field
  - Around the FRMAC
- Other potential dangers



# FRMAC: Support Division



## Base Support

- Tracking personnel locations and assignments
- Establishing communications
- Maintaining computers
- Obtaining equipment and supplies
- Coordinating personnel schedules with the Home Team
- Providing Field Command Post support
  - including tents, tables, chairs, generators, etc.

## Security

- Badges (to limit access to authorized personnel)
- Property Protection
- Operations Security (OPSEC)

Support Manager

Logistics/  
Operations

Mechanical &  
Electrical

Communications

CMHT

# FRMAC: Liaison Division



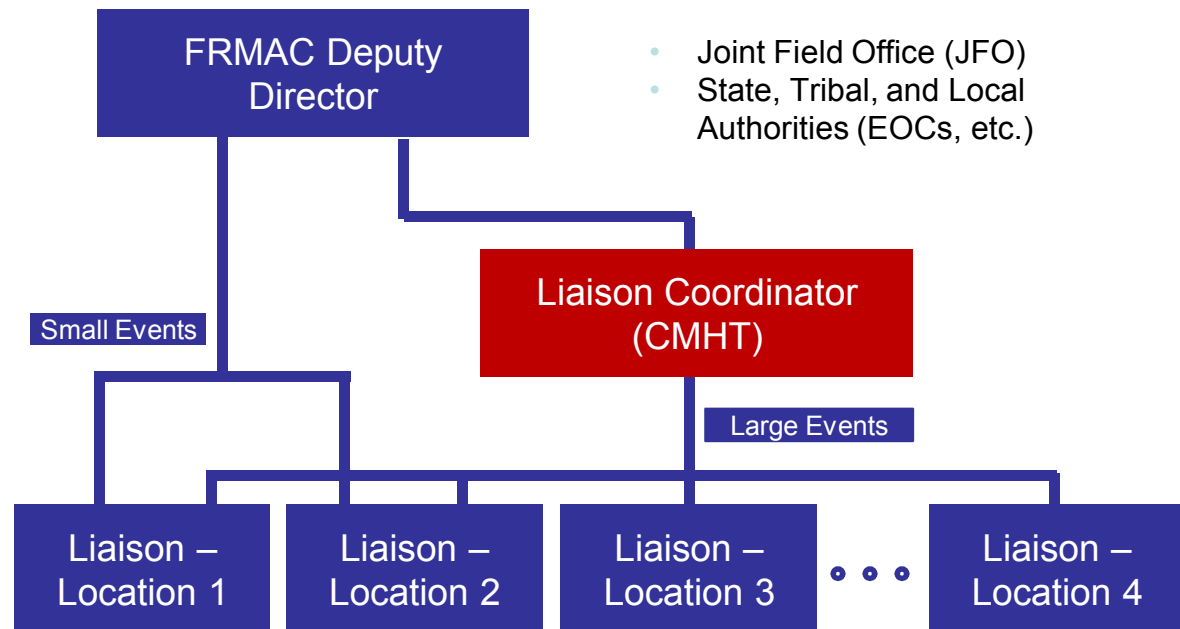
## Primary channel for communicating FRMAC Information

- Map Products
- Data Interpretation
- CM/FRMAC Capabilities, Plans, Status
- Submit requests from stakeholders to FRMAC



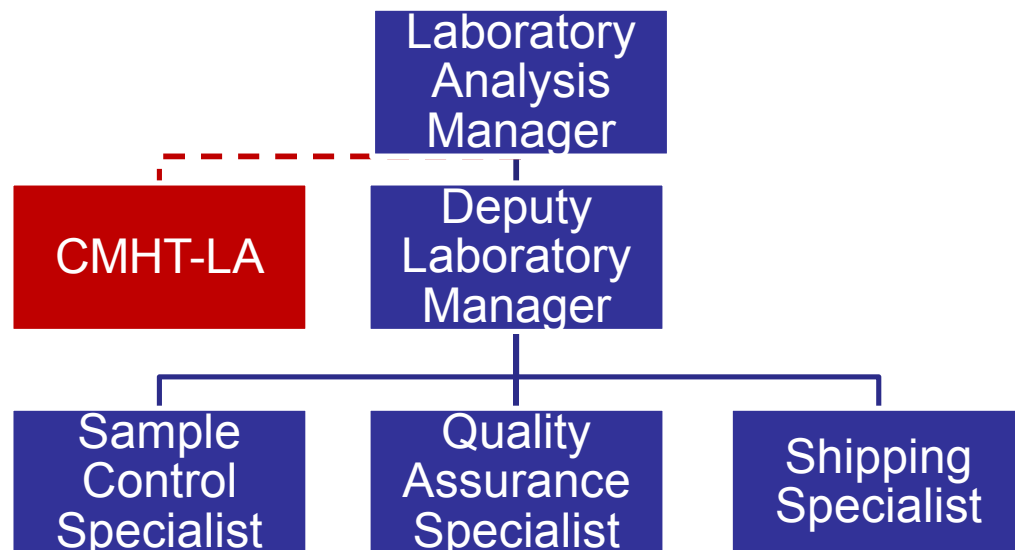
## Possible Stakeholders

- Joint Field Office (JFO)
- State, Tribal, and Local Authorities (EOCs, etc.)





# FRMAC: Laboratory Analysis Division





# Laboratory Analysis Division



## ■ Responsibilities

### ■ Begin

- When FRMAC responds
- Sample is dropped off at the hotline

### ■ End

- Recovery phase – turned over to EPA with reduced FRMAC presence

Analysis Needs Are Established

Collect sample/deliver to Hotline/Store Sample

Identify Laboratory

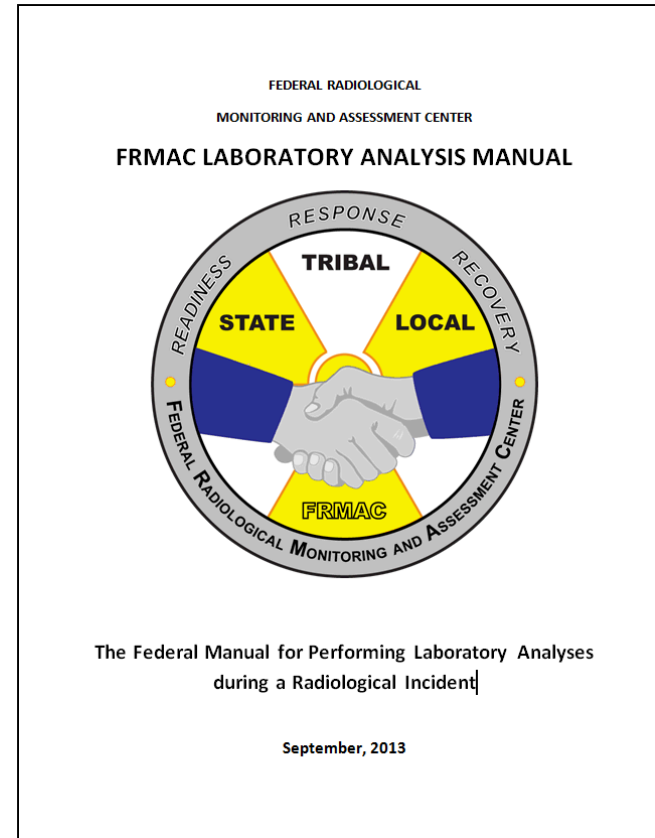
Prepare and ship sample

Receive and review laboratory results



# FRMAC

## Laboratory Analysis Manual



**Available at:**

**<http://www.nv.doe.gov/nationalsecurity/homelandsecurity/frmac>**



# The Laboratory Analysis Challenge

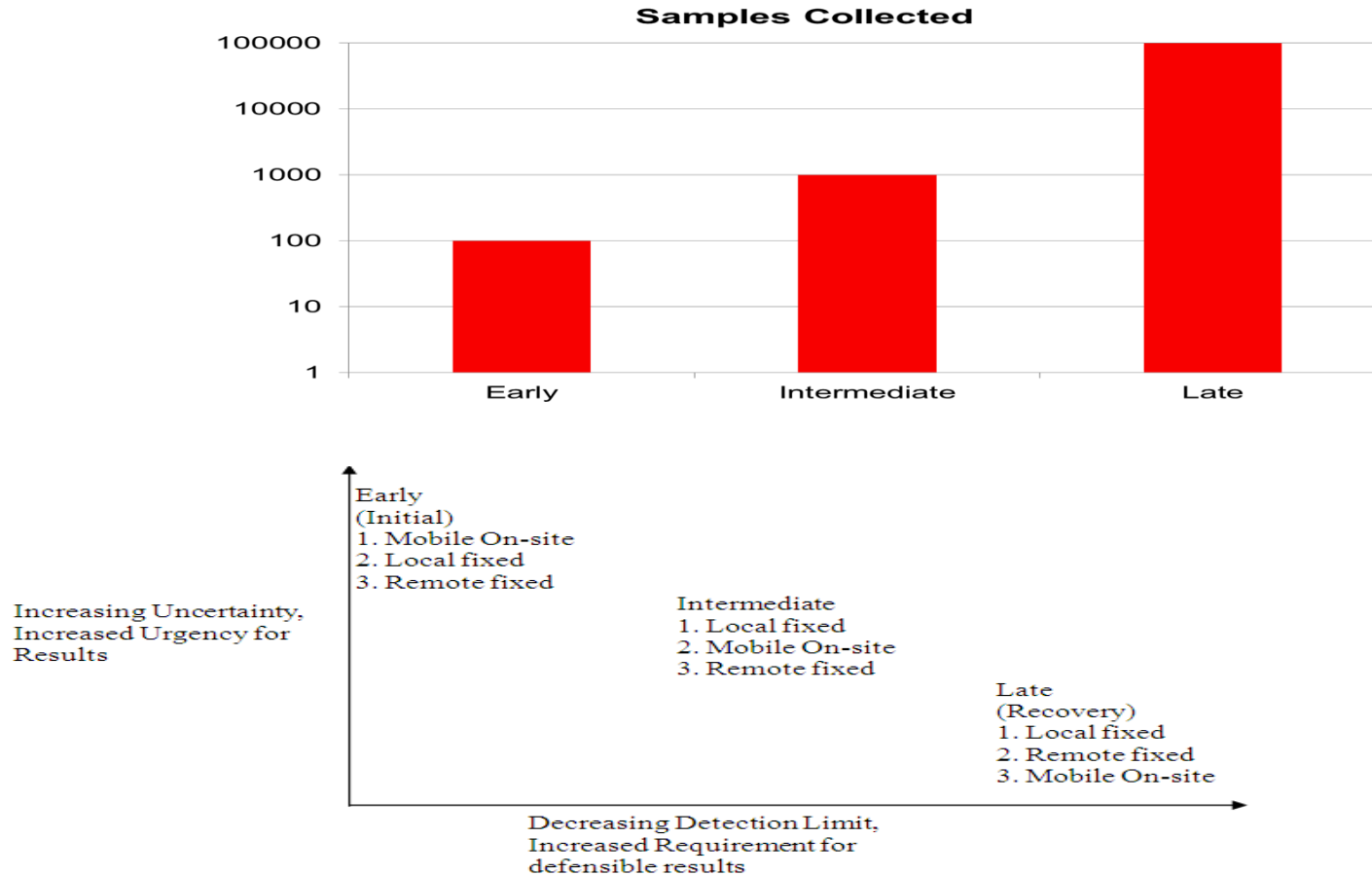


Figure 4-2. Phase-related MQOs & Laboratory Asset Role

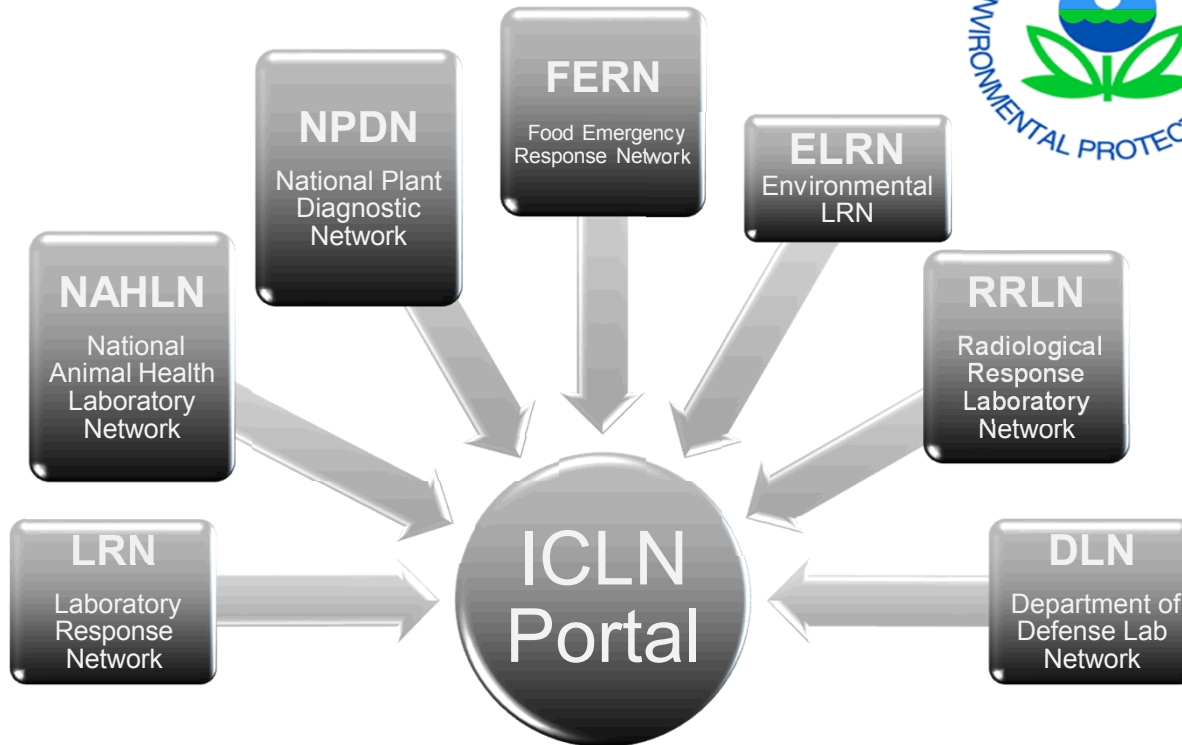


# Laboratory Selection Guidelines

- FRMAC Experience
- FRMAC LAWG member lab or contractor
- **Member of ICLN Laboratory Network?**
- Proficiency test performance
- Permits, accreditations, certifications
- Matrices capabilities
- Ability to meet Data Quality Objectives (DQO) and Turn-Around-Times (TAT)
- Sample capacity



# Integrated Consortium of Laboratory Networks (ICLN)



Headed by Department of Homeland Security (DHS)  
Comprised of laboratory networks from all federal agencies





# Lessons Learned from Fukushima

## How can you prepare your laboratory?



- Plan for MQOs in Lab Analysis Manual
- Provide data that meets FRMAC requirements
- Have/Obtain the required USDA permits if needed
- Prepare for 24/7 Staffing
- Prepare to provide:
  - Level 4 data package:
    - Results and...
    - Total Propagated Uncertainty
    - Method Validation Packages
    - Qualifications and Training
    - Procedures





# What to expect from FRMAC

# Laboratory Analysis Process



- Initial Laboratory Questionnaire
- Introductory or notification email from the Web Portal
- Electronic forms via Web Portal
- Data Reporting



- [illegible]

### Upload Electronic Data Deliverable

If you have created an Electronic Data Deliverable (EDD) for your results, it can be uploaded to the portal here. A template for the EDD as well as a description of its fields can be downloaded here. Data uploaded with this tool can be viewed in the ARF details page on the results quick entry tab.

Allowed file extensions: .xls (Microsoft Excel 2003 - 2007 format).  
 Be sure to explicitly save exported EDD .xls to re-import here!  
**WARNING! Importing more than 1000 rows at one time is not recommended. Processing times can be ~ 75 EDD rows/minute.**

**WARNING! Re-importing saved Results will create new copies of those results! Edit the EDD appropriately or delete duplicates in the Quick Editor.**

[Sample EDD Spreadsheet](#)
[Description of EDD Fields](#)

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### 1) Upload Results Document

(first upload document(s))

upload file(s)

**2) Add Comments to Document**

Comments:

Click on a row to select a document and check/Uncheck Samples in the pop-up window to associate/disassociate. [Refresh Sample Links](#)

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2	CD-100	20770858	At upload at C	CD-100	CD-100
3	CD-100	70105758	At upload at C	CD-100	CD-100
4	SPICAC	930995	At upload at C	CD-100	CD-100
5	CD-100	70105759	At upload at C	CD-100	CD-100
6	WHL-001	1341749	At upload at C	CD-100	CD-100
7	CD-100	279252	At upload at C	CD-100	CD-100
8	KSL-001	7012708	At upload at C	CD-100	CD-100
9	CD-100	29461388	At upload at C	CD-100	CD-100
10	CD-000	28003025	At upload at C	CD-100	CD-100
11	TAT-001	8221138	At upload at C	CD-100	CD-100
12	CD-100	70105760	At upload at C	CD-100	CD-100
13	RTT-001	23012892	At upload at C	CD-100	CD-100

**3) Select Samples**

(then select sample(s) to associate with the document)

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☐ SCI-AT-001  
☐ SCI-123-123

**4) Save**

Then save the Document, comments, and Sample association(s)

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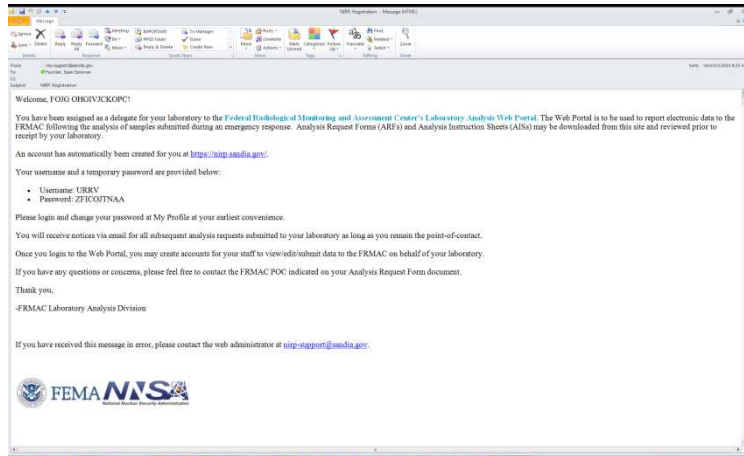
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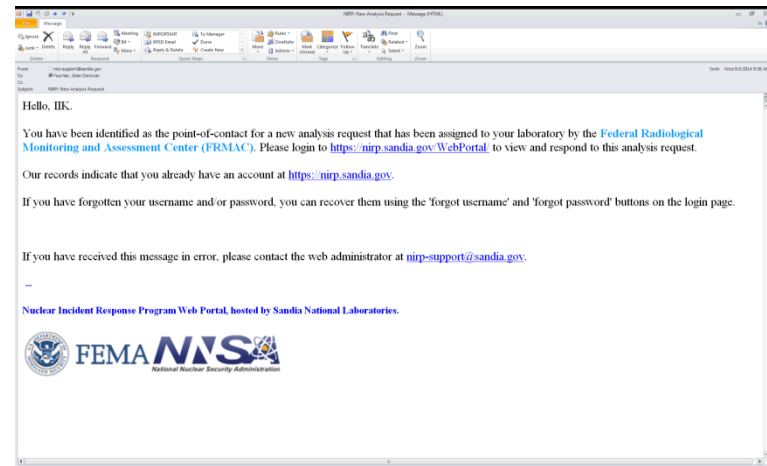
[Rejected](#)

# Lab Analysis Web Portal Email Communication



**Notification Email:** Users with existing accounts are notified that another analysis request has been sent to their laboratory

**Introductory Email:**  
Account is automatically created, user must login and create a new password





# Laboratory Process Review



1. Analysis Request is sent to the Lab via Web Portal.



2. Laboratory reviews analysis request/instructions and prepares to receive samples.

3. Laboratory receives samples and analyzes them; data is posted to Web Portal.



4. FRMAC continuously parses Web Portal for new data, collects new data, and processes it through QA engine. Lab is given feedback if there is an issue with the results.

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Use caution when handling sample, loose contamination on filter media

**Sample Management Information**

Samples are associated with a signed S.O.W. ☐ yes ☒ no

Analysis entered here agrees with the  
IUCN, identify the variations:



\*Report sample results in same units

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Sample I.D.	Case Date
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SCF-00001 10/4/2001

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SCF-00001 10

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1039-0001

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Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center  
Laboratory Analysis Instructions for samples submitted during an  
emergency response

The laboratory may receive samples containing known, suspected, or unknown sources of chemical, radioactive, and/or biological hazardous constituents. The laboratory shall be aware of the potential hazards associated with the handling and analysis of these samples. The laboratory shall have a documented health and safety program which includes procedures consistent with Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) parts 20 and 835, and 29 CFR part 1910.1450. While the FIRMAC will provide available hazards information to the laboratory, it is the laboratory's responsibility to take all necessary precautions to ensure the safety and health of its employees.

Analysis Request Form (ARF) has been submitted with a collection of samples to the laboratory. This ARF serves as the official chain-of custody and should reflect continuity of possession for the group of samples. The ARF contains the most current information for HMCAC personnel, please use this contact information if you have questions regarding the submitted samples or the analyses requested. If you are the first laboratory your POC will be the on-site Deputy Laboratory Analysis Manager. The first page of the form includes any information that pertains to the samples as a whole. The ARF contains a table of information that constitutes the analysis request.

should you choose to assign an alternate ID to any samples using an internal identification system there must be a key linking the FRMAC Sample I.D. to the laboratory I.D. that is submitted with the results. This documentation shall be included in the electronic and the hardcopy results submission. When applicable, decay correct all results to the Sample Date/Time. Volume(s)/Weight(s) listed A/B for samples other than air filters or wipes are nominal values and should be used as the analytical sample amount. The preservative field will list if and used to preserve the sample. If this field is blank, the sample has not been preserved.

The Contact Dose Rate is the result of a gross  $\beta/\gamma$  measurement specific to the sample alone. The isotope(s) listed on the ARS represent(s) of interest that the sample is to be analyzed for using the method listed in Method field. The sample must be counted sufficiently so that the mean level (measured Lc) achieves the listed required critical level (required Lc) otherwise stated in this document. The analyte-specific comments field information pertaining to the individual sample-analyte. A result value for each analyte listed on the table. **Nuclides that are not included in the data are:**

Sample Batching Requirements	<p>generated above the measured LC should be reported.</p> <p>Samples submitted under a single ARF may be grouped in multiple batches. Batches should contain only FIMAC samples and any Laboratory quality samples (Laboratory control sample, Method Blank, Matrix Blank, etc.) applicable to the sample preparation and analysis method used.</p>
Reporting Units	<p>Report all results, uncertainties, and measured LC in the units of measurement printed on the ARF, unless otherwise stated in this document.</p>

QUESTION	ANSWER
1. What is the purpose of a research hypothesis?	The purpose of a research hypothesis is to state a specific prediction about the outcome of a study. It is a statement that can be tested and either supported or refuted by evidence.
2. What are the characteristics of a good hypothesis?	A good hypothesis should be clear, concise, and testable. It should be based on theory or previous research, and it should be specific enough to be measured and compared.
3. What is the difference between a null hypothesis and an alternative hypothesis?	A null hypothesis (H0) is a statement that there is no effect or no difference between groups. An alternative hypothesis (H1) is a statement that there is an effect or a difference between groups.
4. What is the purpose of a hypothesis test?	The purpose of a hypothesis test is to determine whether the data from a study provide enough evidence to reject the null hypothesis in favor of the alternative hypothesis.
5. What are the steps involved in conducting a hypothesis test?	The steps involved in conducting a hypothesis test are: 1. State the null and alternative hypotheses. 2. Choose a significance level (alpha). 3. Calculate the test statistic. 4. Determine the critical value. 5. Compare the test statistic to the critical value. 6. Make a decision to reject or fail to reject the null hypothesis.

	Div	Yes	<p>the data are not normally distributed, so that the use of such non-parametric statistical tests as the Mann-Whitney U test is appropriate.</p> <p>Single factor ANOVA is appropriate and should be used instead of a 2-factor ANOVA. It should be explained and noted that the interaction is not a result of a 2-factor ANOVA.</p>	<p>The use of the non-parametric Mann-Whitney U test is appropriate.</p> <p>The use of non-parametric statistical tests is appropriate.</p>
U			<p>Single factor ANOVA is appropriate and should be used instead of a 2-factor ANOVA. It should be explained and noted that the interaction is not a result of a 2-factor ANOVA.</p>	<p>A 2-factor ANOVA is appropriate and should be used instead of a 2-factor ANOVA. It should be explained and noted that the interaction is not a result of a 2-factor ANOVA.</p>
W	DE	Yes	<p>A 2-factor ANOVA is appropriate and should be used instead of a 2-factor ANOVA. It should be explained and noted that the interaction is not a result of a 2-factor ANOVA.</p>	<p>A 2-factor ANOVA is appropriate and should be used instead of a 2-factor ANOVA. It should be explained and noted that the interaction is not a result of a 2-factor ANOVA.</p>

Sample	US	UK	<p>Chosen from the following Control Sample Native-Born Native-Speaking White-Born Sample</p>	<p>1.6</p> <p>Indicates what type of result is required</p>
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# Initial Laboratory Questionnaire



## Laboratory Information Summary

Laboratory Name: Sandia National Laboratories  
 RPSD  
 Shipping Address: 1515 Eubank Blvd. SE  
 Albuquerque, NM 87123  
 Bldg 1090 MS 1103

Contact Name: Sean D. Fournier  
 Contact Phone/Fax Number: 505.844.7838  
 Contact Email Address: [sdfourn@sandia.gov](mailto:sdfourn@sandia.gov)  
 Alternate Contact: Sonoya Shanks  
 Alternate Phone/Fax Number: 505.844.7864  
 Alternate Email Address: [stshank@sandia.gov](mailto:stshank@sandia.gov)

Please specify the maximum activity levels your laboratory can accept.

	CPM	uCi	mR	Other
Per Sample	5000		5 (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" AF	.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
	Vegetation	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

# Analysis Request Form



Analysis Request # ARF-WebDemo01

## FRMAC Analytical Request Form

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## Page 1 Cover Page

<b>Laboratory Information</b> Event: SNL/NPST/Demo Laboratory: SNL/NPST/Laboratories Laboratory POC: Beth Hanson Phone: 505-284-9400 Fax: 505-844-0112 Email: cbhanson@sandia.gov	<b>Report &amp; Turnaround Information</b> Send Report To: Sean D. Fourmier Phone: 505-944-8738 Fax: Email: sdfourm@sandia.gov Turnaround: ( ) A.S.A.P. Turnaround Date:
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### Sample Hazards/Comments/Additional Information:

Use caution when handling sample, loose contamination on filter media

### Sample Management Information:

Samples are associated with a signed S.O.W. ( ) yes (X) no

Analysis entered here agrees with the S.O.W. ( ) yes (X) no

If not, identify the variation:



Analysis Request # ARF-WebDemo01

## FRMAC Analytical Request Form

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Sample I.D.	Sample Date/Time (UTC)	Matrix	Volume/Weight	Preservative	Contact Dose Rate	Isotope	Required Lc	Analysis Method	Comments
SCF-00001	10/8/2012 8:14:51PM	Air Filter	33750 cubic feet		2.5 mR/hr	Am-241	3.54E-6 uCi/m3	Gamma spectroscopy	Loose contamination present, use caution when handling sample. Avoid removing filter from envelope if possible
SCF-00001	10/8/2012 8:14:51PM	Air Filter	33750 cubic feet		2.5 mR/hr	Cs-137	4.21E-6 uCi/m3	Gamma spectroscopy	Loose contamination present, use caution when handling sample. Avoid removing filter from envelope if possible
SCF-00001	10/8/2012 8:14:51PM	Air Filter	33750 cubic feet		2.5 mR/hr	Co-60	1.06E-6 uCi/m3	Gamma spectroscopy	Loose contamination present, use caution when handling sample. Avoid removing filter from envelope if possible

## Page 2 - ?? Sample/Analyte List



Analysis Request # ARF-WebDemo01

## FRMAC Analytical Request Form

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### Custody Transfer:

Relinquished By: (print)

Signature

Date/Time (UTC)

Received By: (print)

Signature

Date/Time (UTC)

Last Page: Chain  
of Custody

Barcode labels:

# Analysis Instruction Sheet



- Hazard identification and safety considerations
- Description of Analysis Request Form
- Sample batching requirements and data reporting guidelines
- Special instructions for samples with no critical level provided
- Additional instructions pertaining to the analysis request



# Data Reporting



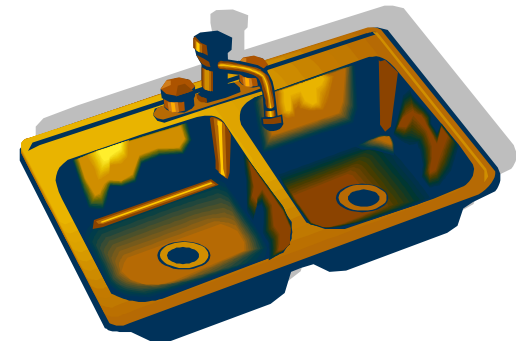
- Reporting electronic results
  - Manual Entry in Lab Analysis Web Portal
  - Electronic Data Deliverable (EDD) upload
- Documenting signed ARF for COC purposes
- Reporting hardcopy data packages for archival and data verification purposes
  - Initial Level I data package required with submittal of electronic results
  - Level IV data package required at a later time



# Data Packages



- Level I
  - Electronic data via EDD or manual entry in Web Portal
  - Analysis report to verify electronic data
- Level IV
  - Procedures
  - QC checks
  - Calibrations
  - Validations
  - Total Propagated Uncertainty calculations
  - QA Manual
  - Personnel training and qualifications
  - Etc...





*Be Flexible !!*

# We need your help!



- We need laboratory input to help improve this process
  - Mapping your LIMS to export the EDD
    - Providing feedback on EDD format to make your life easier
  - Testing of Lab Analysis Web Portal
    - Providing feedback on the user experience
  - Participating in drills and exercises
    - Gaining experience in emergency response and interfacing with laboratories



# How Do I Get Involved or Prepare?



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# More Information?

If you are interested in seeing a demo of the FRMAC Lab Analysis Web Portal or have any questions, please contact me

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Or, drop a card with me and I'll be in touch.



# Questions, Comments?