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# FRMAC

## Laboratory Analysis Division

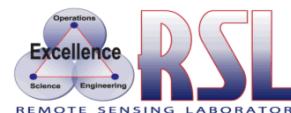
### What Every Laboratory Needs to Know



Laboratory Analysis Working Group

Sandia National Laboratories

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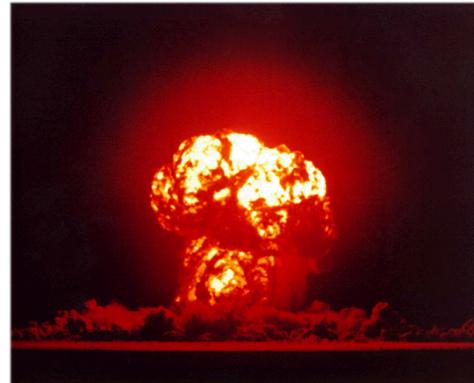


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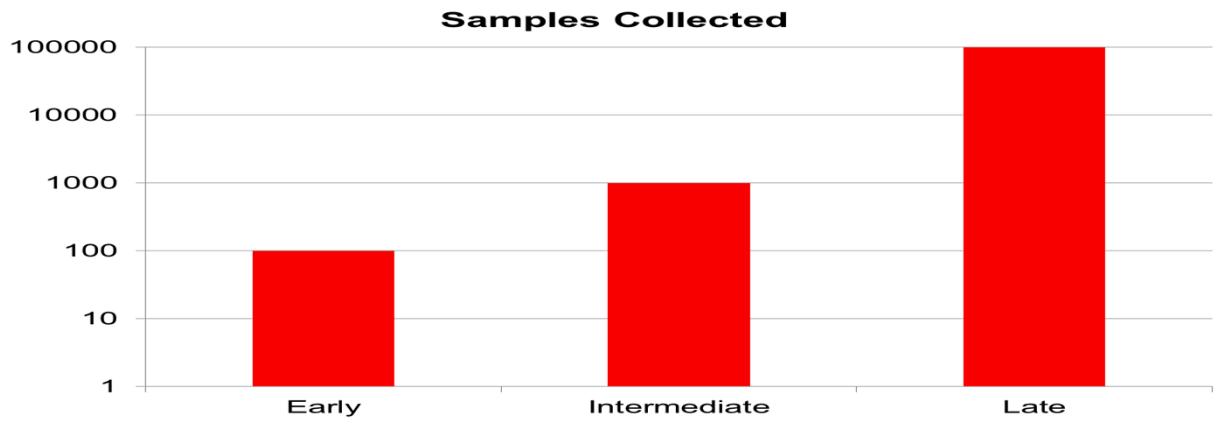
# A Federal Response to a Nuclear Emergency



- 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)

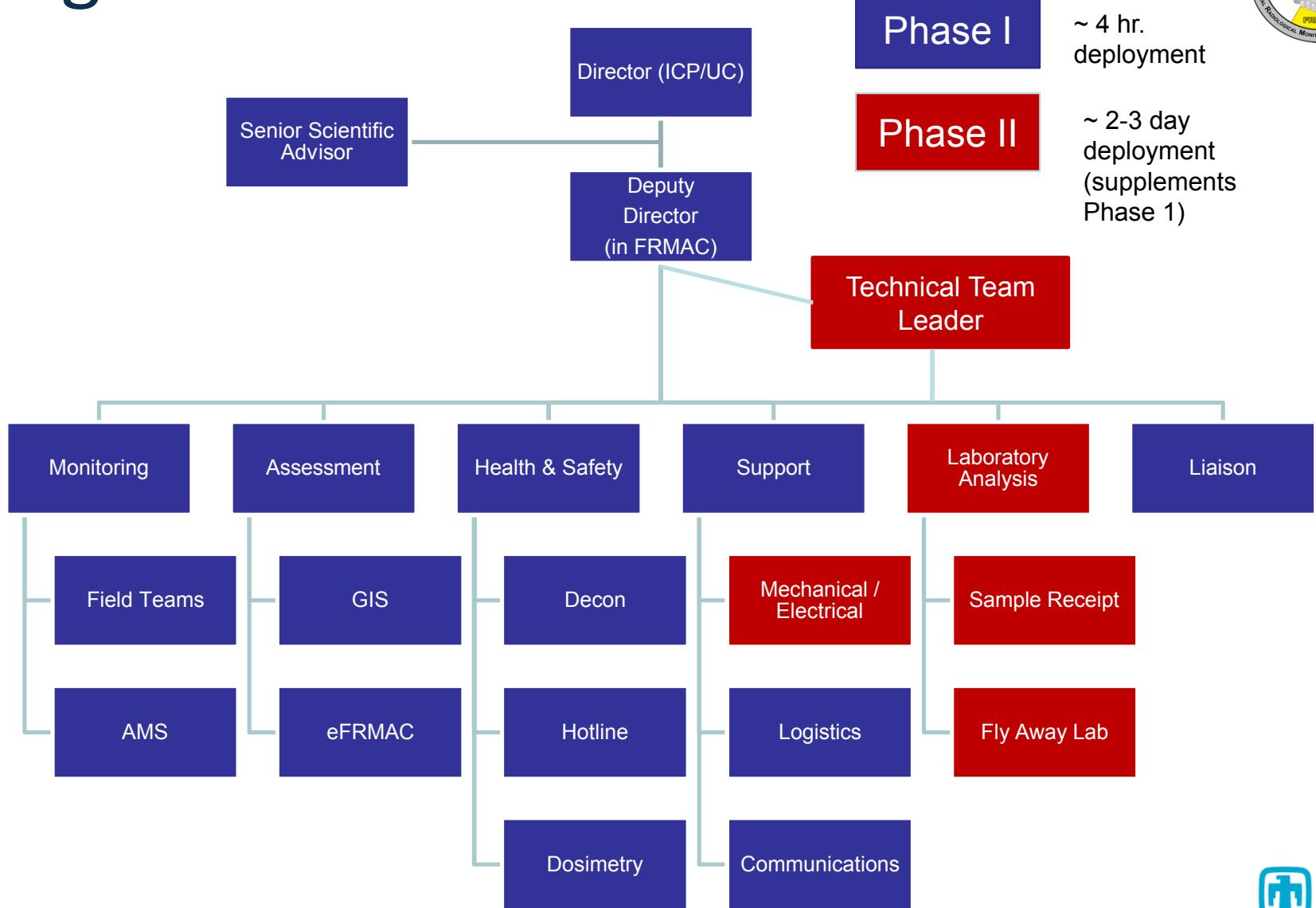


- **Multi-Agency** response effort conducted in two phases
  - Partners include: DOE, DoD, EPA, FDA, CDC, USDA
- Consequence Management Response Team (CMRT)
  - Phase I
  - Phase II
- Consequence Management Home Team (CMHT)
  - Off-location assets at the national laboratories



**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



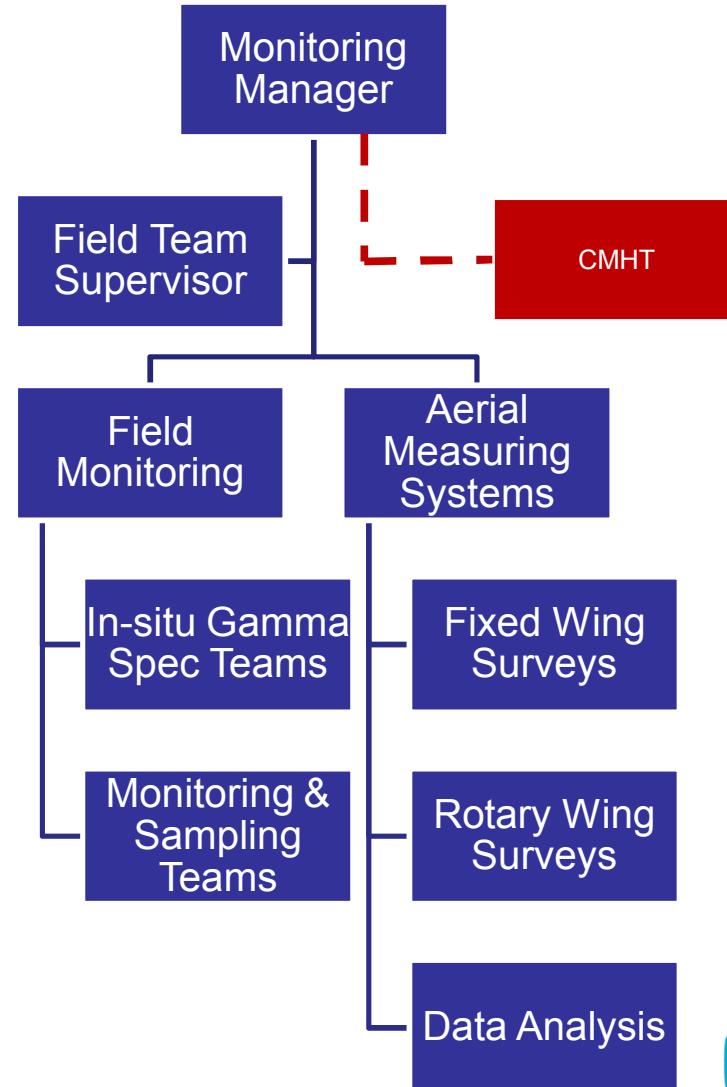
- Monitoring
- Assessment
- Health & Safety
- Support
- Liaison
- Laboratory Analysis



# FRMAC: Monitoring Division



- **Portable Instrument**
  - Exposure Rate
  - Contamination
- **Sampling**
  - Air
  - Water
  - Soil
  - Vegetation

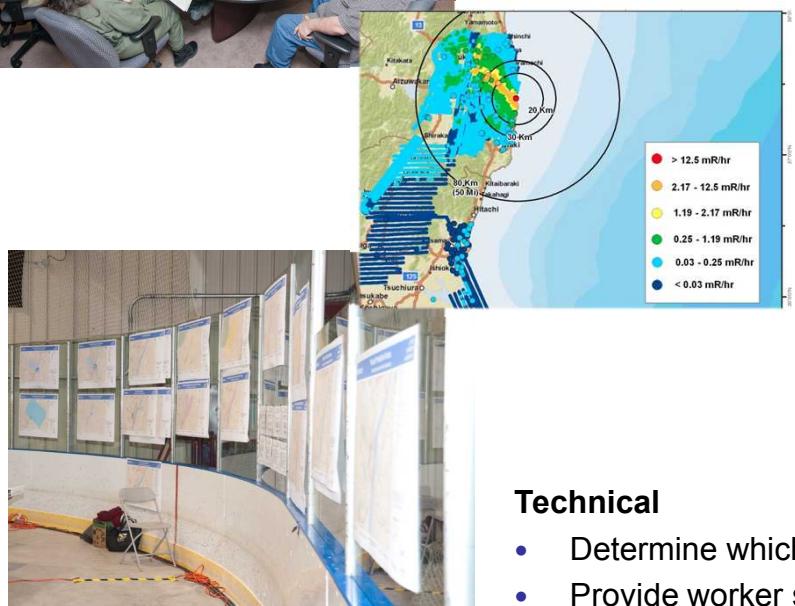


# FRMAC: Assessment Division



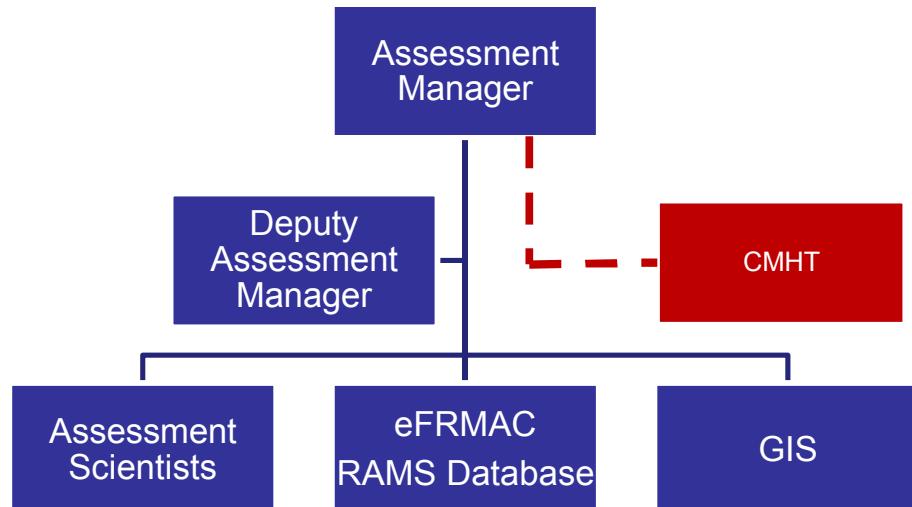
## Administrative

- 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



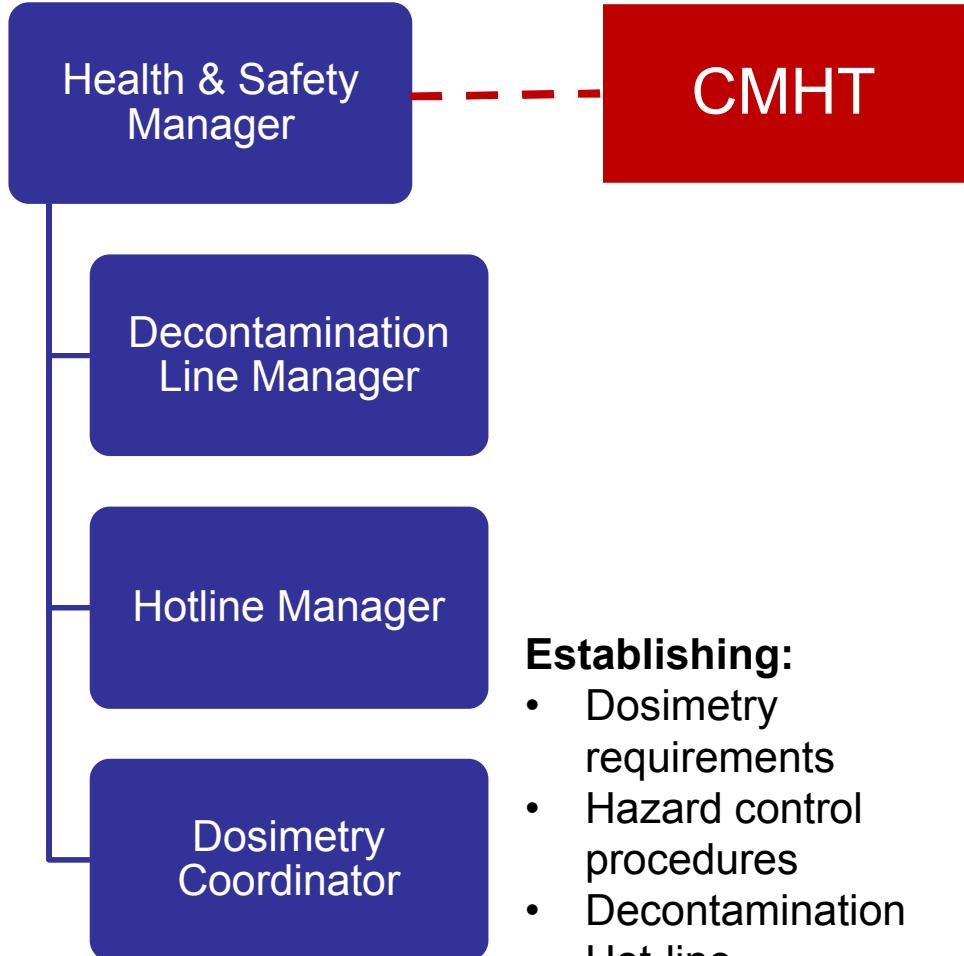
# FRMAC: Health and Safety Division



## Complete a Site Health & Safety Plan

### **Identifying:**

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



### **Establishing:**

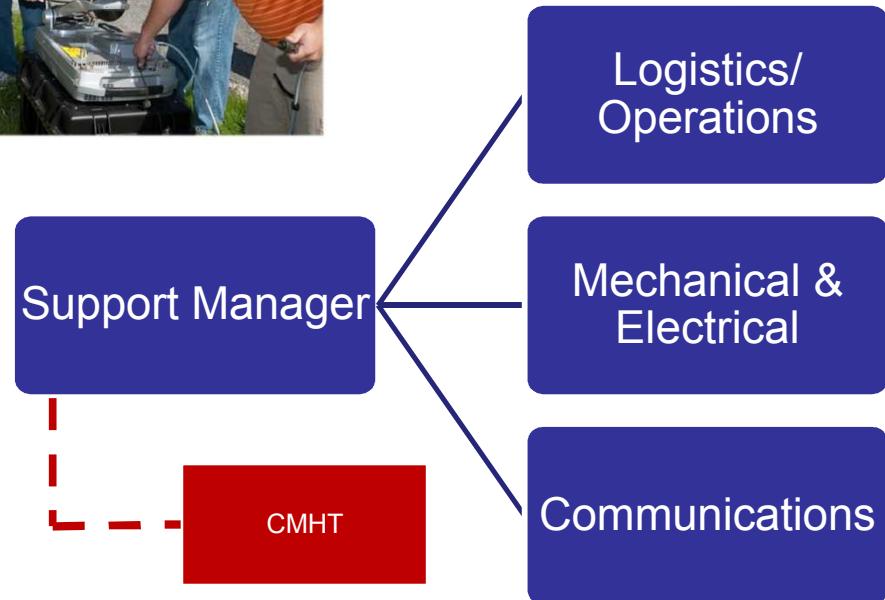
- Dosimetry requirements
- Hazard control procedures
- Decontamination Hot-line

# 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)

# FRMAC: Liaison Division

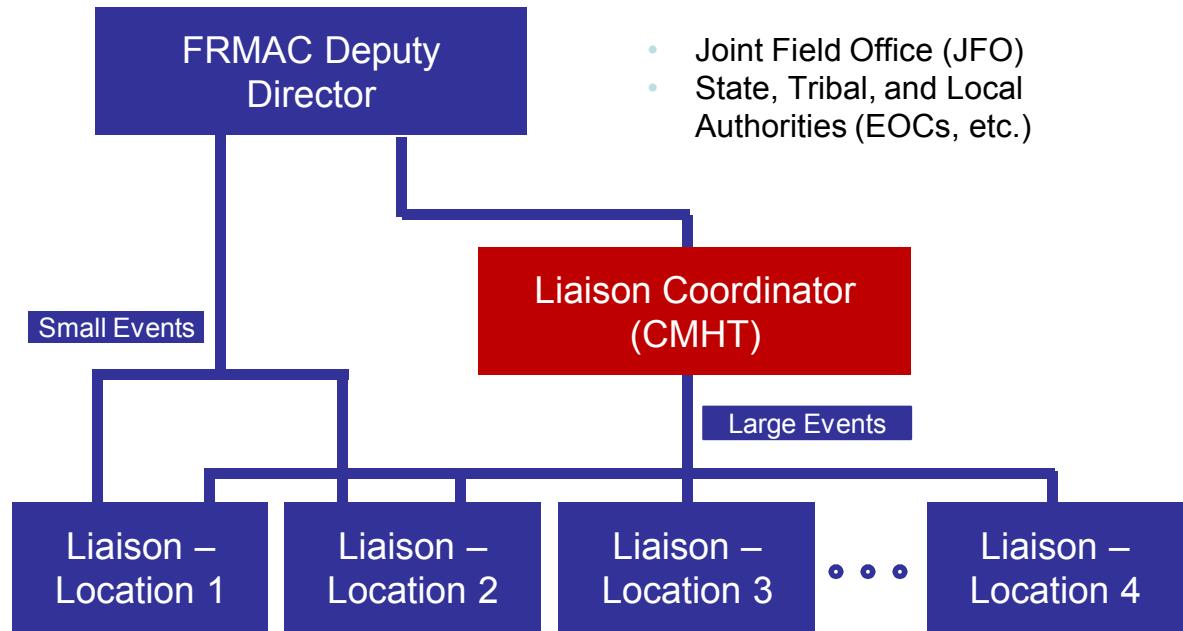


## Primary channel for communicating FRMAC Information

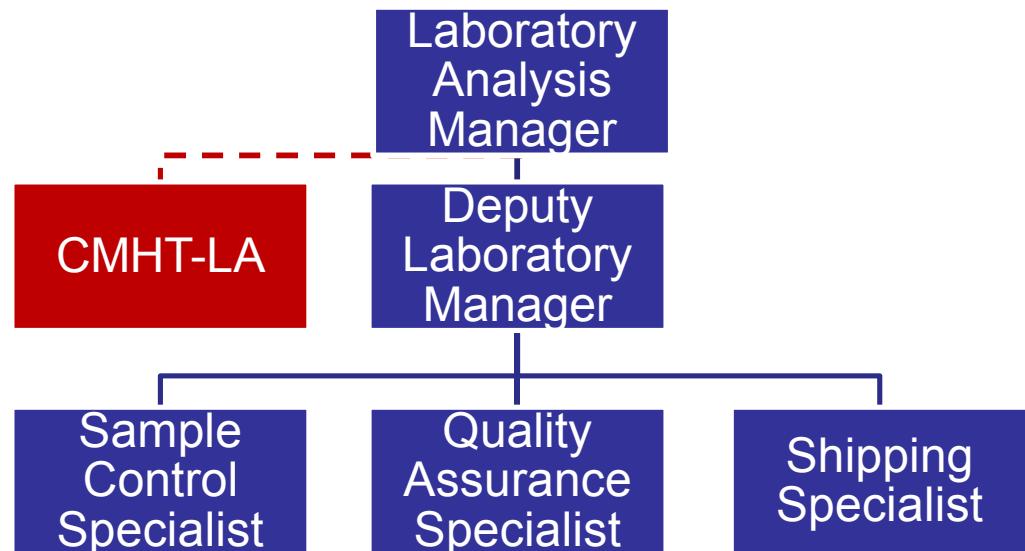
- Map Products
- Data Interpretation
- CM/FRMAC Capabilities, Plans, Status
- Submit requests from stakeholders to FRMAC

## Possible Stakeholders

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



# FRMAC: Laboratory Analysis Division



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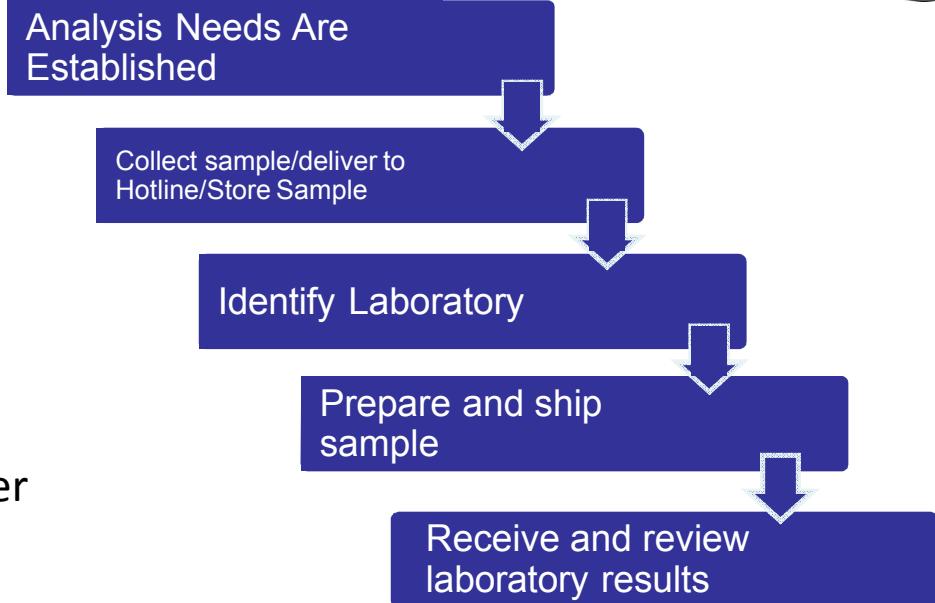
## ■ Responsibilities

### ■ Begin

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

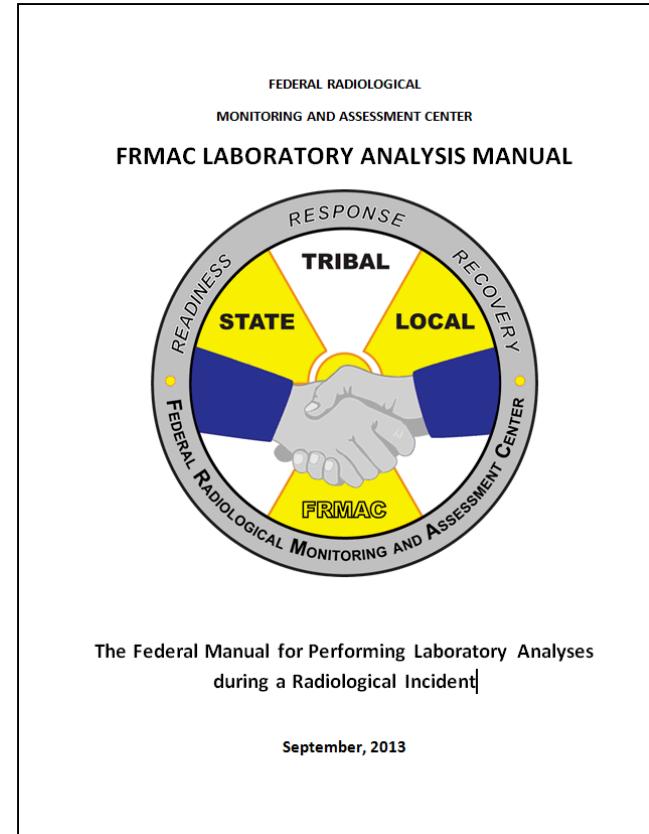
### ■ End

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



# FRMAC

# Laboratory Analysis Manual



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



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# The Laboratory Analysis Challenge

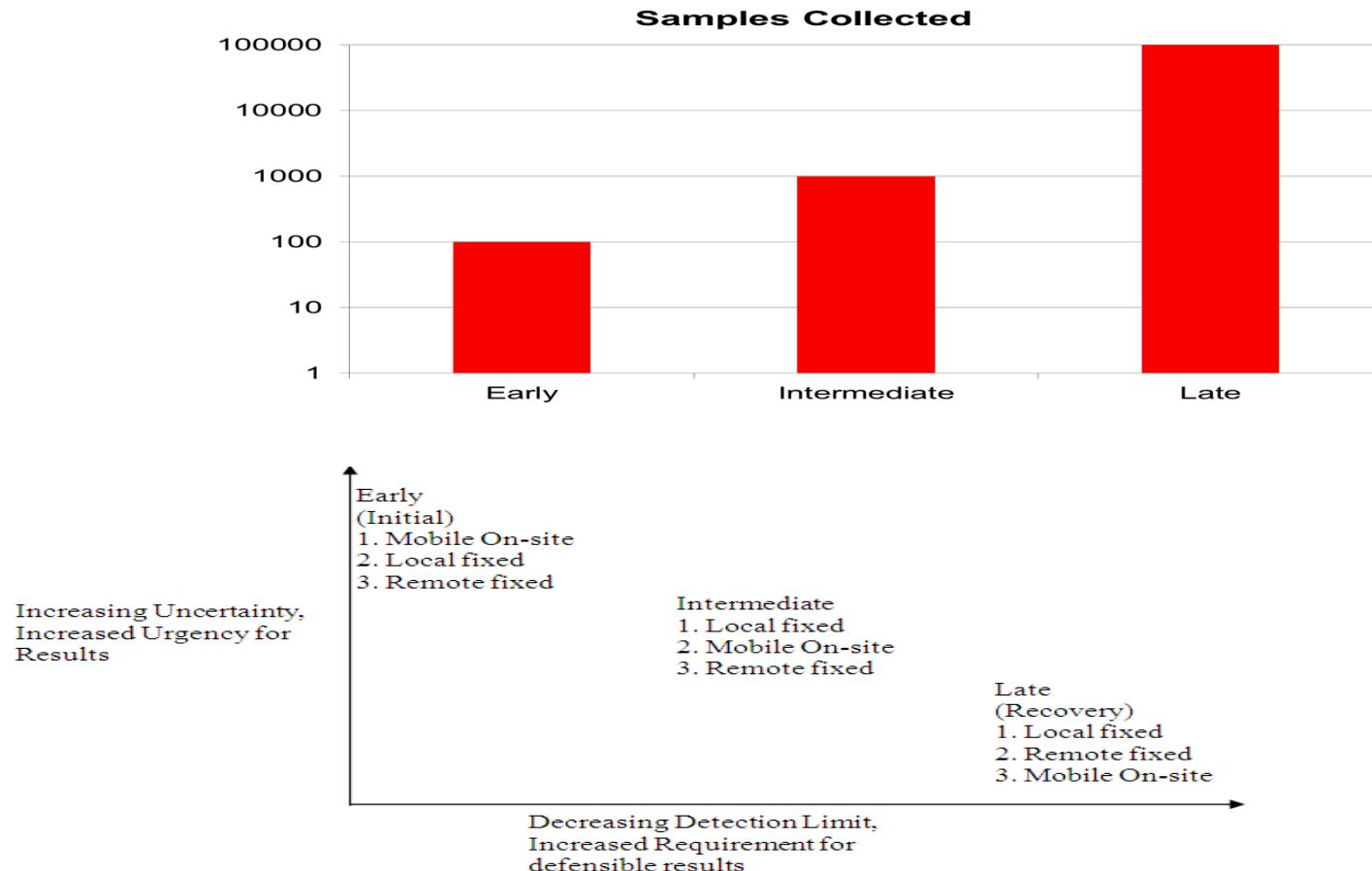


Figure 4-2. Phase-related MQOs & Laboratory Asset Role

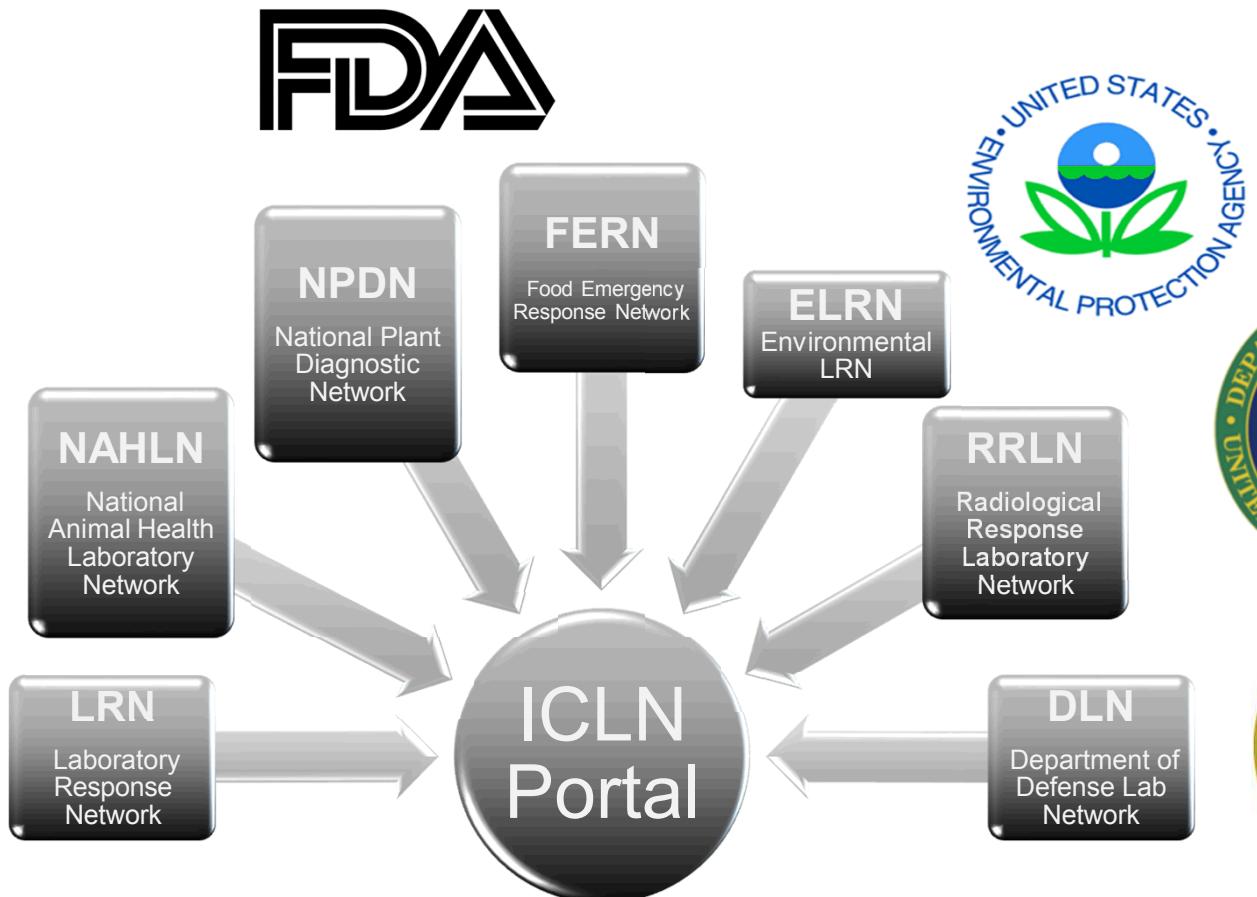


# Laboratory Selection Guidelines

- 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

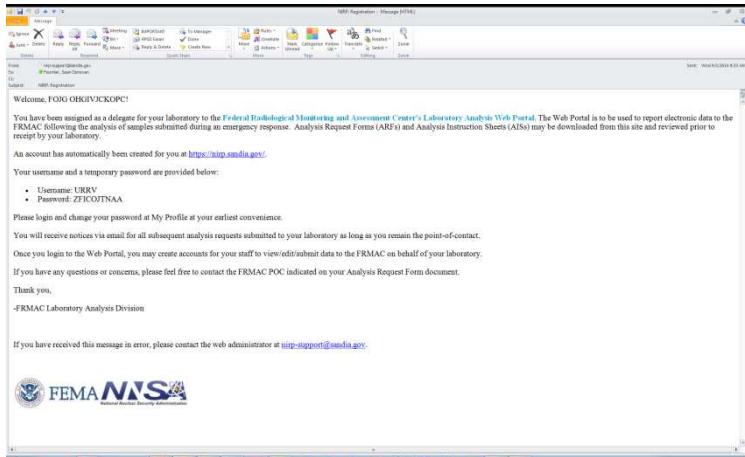


# FRMAC Laboratory Analysis Web Portal



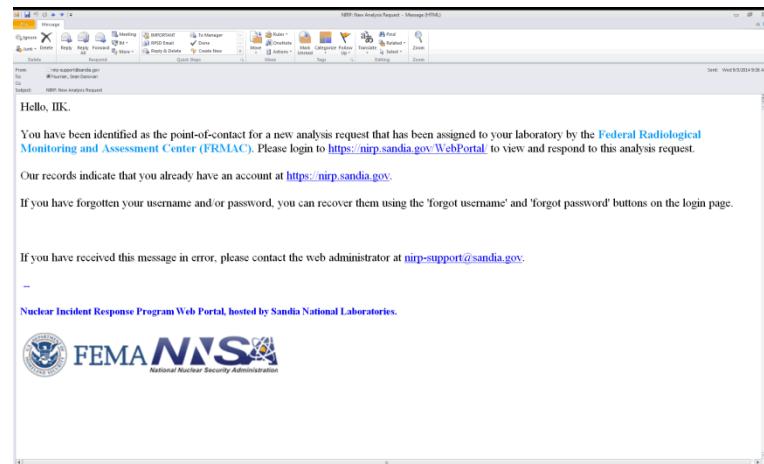
- Online database used for data reporting
- User accounts created on-the-fly during a drill or event
- Users can delegate accounts for their own staff
- Manual data entry via Excel-like table
- Or, upload of Electronic Data Deliverable (EDD)
- Users can upload documents (scanned reports)

# 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.



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.



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

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



# Initial Laboratory Questionnaire



## Laboratory Information Summary

Laboratory Name:	Sandia National Laboratories RPSD	Contact Name:	Sean D. Fournier
Shipping Address:	1515 Eubank Blvd. SE Albuquerque, NM 87123 Bldg 1090 MS 1103	Contact Phone/Fax Number:	505.844.7838
		Contact Email Address:	<a href="mailto:sdfourn@sandia.gov">sdfourn@sandia.gov</a>
		Alternate Contact:	Sonya Shanks
		Alternate Phone/Fax Number:	505.844.7864
		Alternate Email Address:	<a href="mailto:stshank@sandia.gov">stshank@sandia.gov</a>

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			$\mu\text{Ci}/\text{Sample}$	84	6 hrs
	Air	2/4" AF	.0005	1e-4			$\mu\text{Ci}/\text{Sample}$	84	6 hrs
	Swipes	2"	.0005	1e-4			$\mu\text{Ci}/\text{Sample}$	84	6 hrs
	Water	500 mL	1e-4	1e-4			$\mu\text{Ci}/\text{L}$	84	6 hrs
	Vegetation	250 mL Jar	.001	1e-4			$\mu\text{Ci}/\text{Sample}$	84	6 hrs
Proportional Counting	Soil	N/A					$\mu\text{Ci}/\text{Sample}$		
	Air	2"			2.3e-6	6e-6	$\mu\text{Ci}/\text{Sample}$		6 hrs
	Swipes	2"			2.3e-6	6e-6	$\mu\text{Ci}/\text{Sample}$		6 hrs
	Water	N/A					$\mu\text{Ci}/\text{L}$		
Radon-compensating Alpha/Beta Counter	Air	2"			2.3e-6	6e-6	$\mu\text{Ci}/\text{Sample}$		6 hrs
	Swipes	2"			2.3e-6	6e-6	$\mu\text{Ci}/\text{Sample}$		6 hrs
Liquid Scintillation	Water	15/5 UGXR			2.3e-6	6e-6	$\mu\text{Ci}/\text{L}$	2400	6 hrs
	Air	18/0 UGXR			2.3e-6	6e-6	$\mu\text{Ci}/\text{Sample}$	2400	6 hrs
	Swipes	18/0 UGXR			2.3e-6	6e-6	$\mu\text{Ci}/\text{Sample}$	2400	6 hrs



# 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



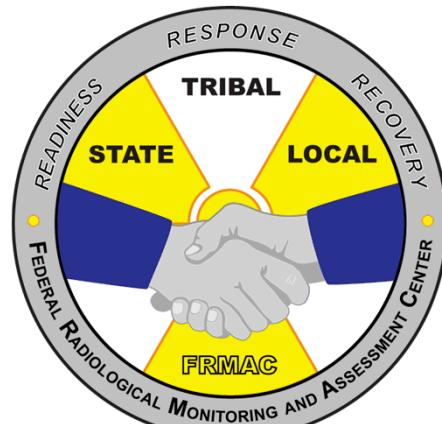
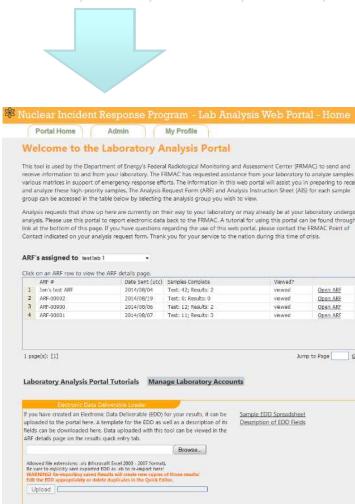
# Data Reporting

- 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

# FRMAC RAMS Electronic Data Deliverable



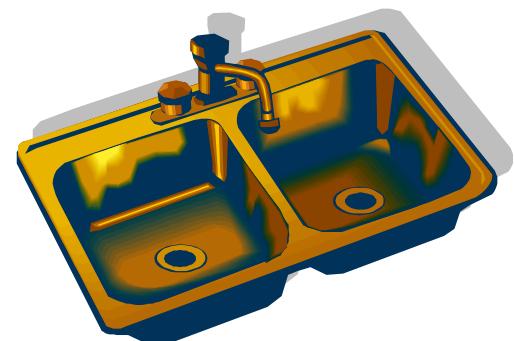
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
	Analysis Request #	Sample #	Nuclide	Result	Uncertainty	Unc Sigma	MDA	Critical Level (Lc)	Unit	Dry Mass (kg)	Wet Mass (kg)	Reported Wet/Dry	Lab Qualifier	QC Batch ID	Result Type	% Recovery	Analysis Method	Comments	Upload Settings
1	ARF-0001	SCF00001	Cs-137	-0.02	0.03	2	0.05		pCi	0.5	0.75	Wet	U	abc123	Sample		Gamma	Batch QC passed internal standards	R
2	ARF-0001	SCF00002	Am-241	0.05	0.005	2	0.02	0.01	pCi	0.5	0.75	Wet	U	QCBATCH01	Sample		Alpha Spec	Result > MDA	A
3	ARF-0003	SCF00003	H-3	20	0.002	2	0.05	0.025	dpm	0.005	N/A	N/A	U	cba321	Sample		H3 by LSC	Result > MDA	A
4	ARF-0004	SCF00004	H-3	0.001	0.02	2	0.05	0.025	dpm	N/A	N/A	N/A	U	cba321	MBIk		H3 by LS	Result < Critical Level	R
5	ARF-0005	SCF12345	Mn-54	0.001	0.03	2	0.01	0.005	pCi	0.5	0.75	Dry	U	zyx123	Sample		Gamma	Not Detected	R
6	ARF-0001	SCF00001	Cs-137	0.002	0.03	2	0.015	0.005	pCi	0.5	0.75	Wet	U	abc123	Sample dup		Gamma	Duplicate of sample SCF00001	
7	ARF-0001	LCS090720	Cs-137	25	2	2	0.015	0.005	uCi	N/A	N/A	N/A	U	abc123	LCS	0.950	Gamma	LCS for QC batch abc123 gamma spec	
8	ARF-0001	MS090720	Am-243	63	5	2	0.015	0.04	pCi	N/A	N/A	N/A	U	QCBATCH01	MS	0.85	Alpha Sp	MS for QC batch QCBATCH01 alpha spec	



# 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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# Questions, Comments?