



# Sandia National Laboratories

## Physical Protection of Nuclear Material: Support and Facilities

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# Briefing Content

- SNL Activities in Support of the DOE/NNSA/NA-241 International Nuclear Security Program
- SNL Physical Protection Test, Demonstration, and Training Facilities



# **SNL Support of NA-241 Program**

- **Physical protection of nuclear material during production, use, storage, and transport**
- **U.S.-obligated nuclear material in countries with bilateral agreements**
- **Physical protection exchanges and assessment visits support in kind**
- **IAEA Office of Nuclear Security and Member States**
- **Nuclear Security Series guidance documents**
- **Bilateral collaboration with non-weapon states**
  - Excluding implementation of upgrades

# Site Assessments I

## ■ Countries with U.S.-obligated nuclear material (approx. 50)

- Physical protection obligation specified in “123” Agreement
- Based on international norm of IAEA INFIRC/225
  - Compliance required for exports
- Physical protection exchange visits
- Assessment is not an inspection



# Site Assessments II

## ■ IAEA International Physical Protection Advisory Service (IPPAS)

- Requests by Member State (approx. no.)
- Scope is legal and regulatory framework and implementation example
- Outbriefing and report with recommendations, suggestions, and good practices
- International team of experts with complementary expertise
  - U.S. a frequent participant

# Technical Guidance (\*NA241/SNL support)

## ■ IAEA Nuclear Security Series

- Fundamentals\*
- Recommendations\*
- Implementing Guides\*
- Technical Guidance\*

## ■ Process

- Document Preparation Profile
- Consultancy Meetings\*
- Technical Meeting\*



# Professional Training I

- Original U.S. commitment in Nuclear Nonproliferation Act of 1978
- International Training Course (ITC) on Physical Protection of Nuclear Facilities and Materials
- Over 600 participants from 60 countries
- Lectures, subgroup exercises, field activities, and final comprehensive exercise using hypothetical facility
- Taught by SNL in ABQ, 3 weeks, in English
- ITC-22 completed in November 2010

# Professional Training II

Physical Protection courses developed and presented via NA241/SNL process

<b>Physical Protection Training Courses</b>		
<i>Introductory</i>	<i>Intermediate</i>	<i>Advanced</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Foundations of Physical Protection</li><li>• Nuclear Security Culture</li><li>• Physical Protection of Nuclear Facilities and Materials (ITC/RTC/NTC)</li><li>• Physical Protection of Research Reactors</li><li>• Physical Protection of Radioactive Sources</li><li>• System Effectiveness Evaluation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Design Basis Threat</li><li>• Crisis Management</li><li>• Insider Protection</li><li>• Transport Security</li><li>• Vulnerability Analysis</li><li>• Security System Performance Testing</li><li>• Vital Area Identification (VAI)</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advanced Vulnerability Analysis</li><li>• Advanced VAI Techniques</li><li>• Performance Testing Program Development</li></ul>



# Professional Training III

## Courses Presented in South Africa

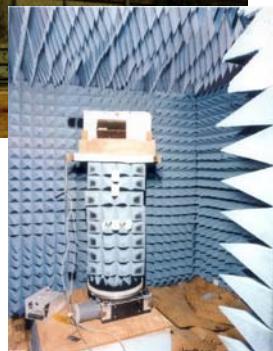
Course	Date	Number of Participants
Design Basis Threat	August 2003	14
Physical Protection of Research Reactors	July 2004	24
Physical Protection of Radioactive Sources	March 2006	48
Physical Protection of Nuclear Facilities and Material	October 2006	36
Vital Area Identification	May 2007	40
Nuclear Security Culture	September 2008	25
Protection Against Insiders	March 2009	26
Physical Protection of Nuclear Facilities and Material	December 2009	22
Vulnerability Analysis	February 2010	27

# Bilateral Collaboration

- **Based on U.S. nuclear material security interests**
- **Twin objectives**
  - Enhance international nuclear security
  - U.S. intellectual gain
- **Recent and current partners**
  - Japan
  - Republic of Korea
  - France
  - Brazil
  - Argentina

# SNL Training, Test and Demonstration Facilities

- **Intrusion Detection Sensor Test Field**
- **Nuclear Security Center of Excellence (NSCOE)**
- **Technical Evaluation Assessment Monitor Site (TEAMS)**
- **Technology Training and Demonstration Area (TTD)**



# Intrusion Detection Sensor Test Field



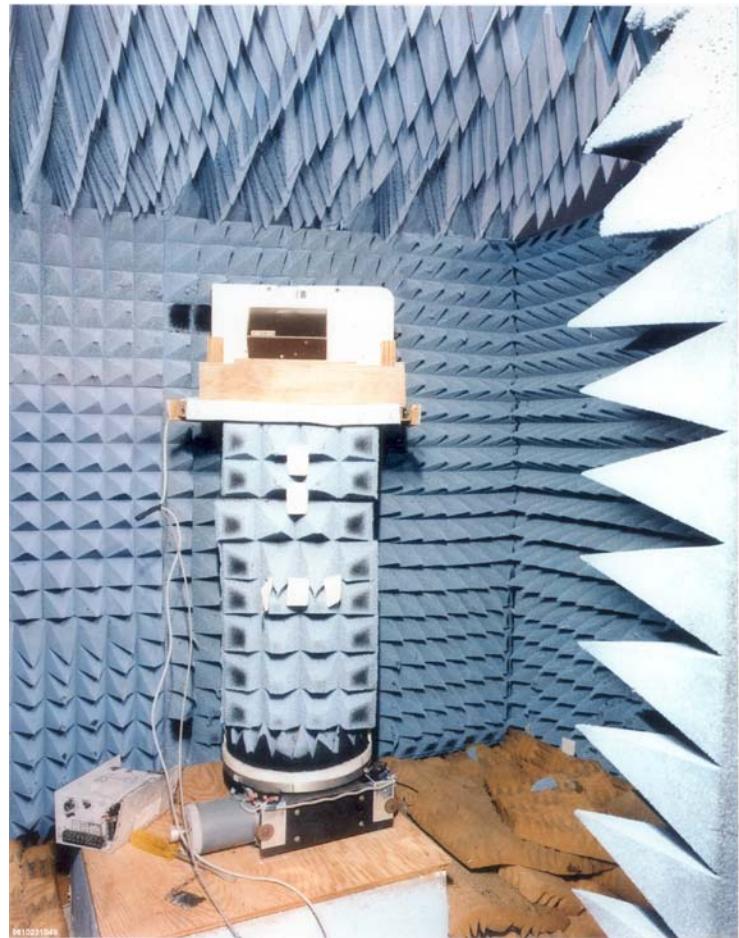
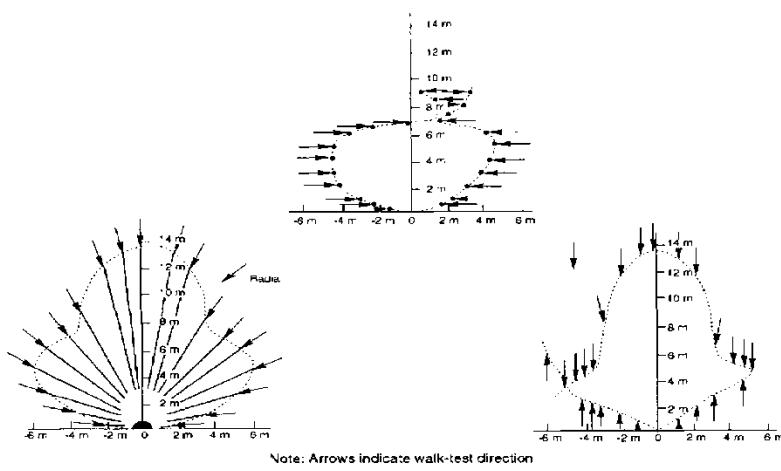
# Exterior Intrusion Sensor Test Field



## Primary focus:

- Perimeter intrusion detection sensors
- Video alarm assessment systems
- Interior sensor testing
- Some Extended Detection Sensor testing capability

# Interior Sensor Testing



# Remote Testbeds



**Prior to installation candidate sensors are often tested at the facility where they will be used**

# Video Test Laboratory (VTL)



**Small Facility with several storage bunkers originally designed as a demonstration site**

**Primary focus:**

**Video Assessment  
Testing**

**Access Delay  
Demonstration and  
Training**

**Sensor Evaluation**

# Outdoor Test Facility (OTF)



**Mostly open area**

**Primary focus:**

**Border Applications and Extended Detection sensor evaluations**

Integrated Test Site



# Nuclear Security Center of Excellence



**Former Category I  
nuclear facility**

**Planned Activities:**

**Primary focus will  
be training**

- Perimeter systems
- Response force
- System integration

# NSCOE Vision, Mission, Location

## Vision

- The Nuclear Security Center of Excellence (NSCOE) serves as a model for engagement internationally and domestically on nuclear security issues

## Mission

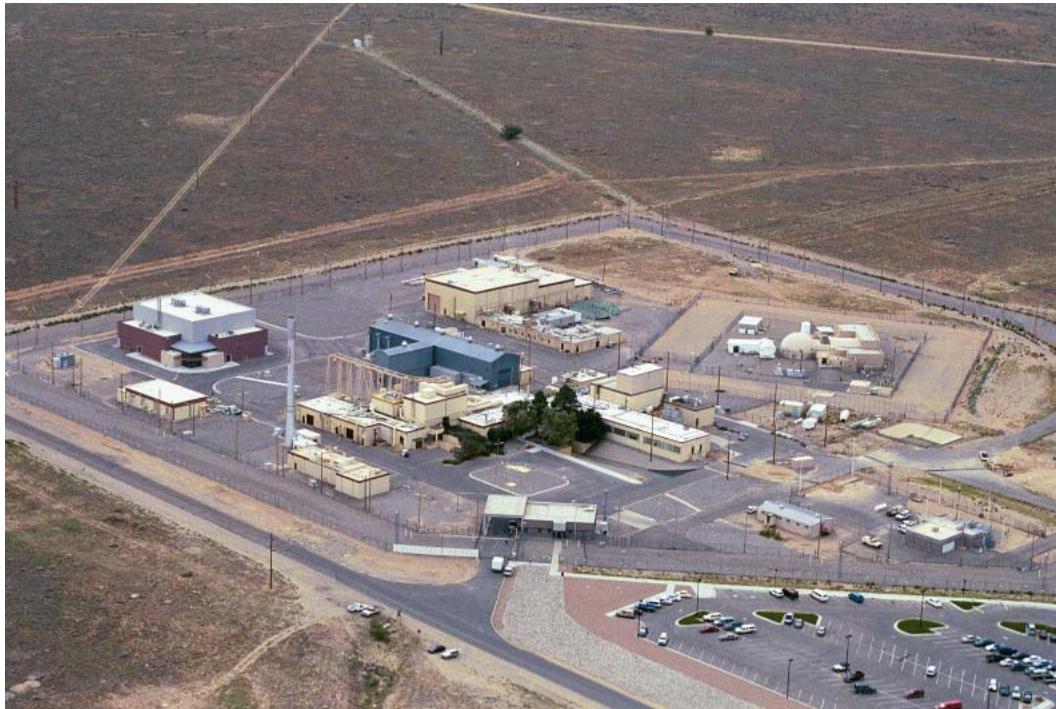
- The Center integrates Sandia ST&E and program foundations to address security challenges for physical protection systems, nuclear material management, and nuclear security

## Proposed Location

- The NSCOE will integrate existing facilities and capabilities located across Sandia with a primary focus on the existing security systems in Tech Area V (TA-V)

# Unique Opportunity to Enhance Nuclear Security Training

- TA-V is a national asset that can be used for the demonstration and training of physical protection technology at relatively low initial costs without impacting its current mission



# TA-V Contains Elements of An Entire Physical Security System



**Perimeter Intrusion Detection & Assessment System (PIDAS)**



**Entry Control Portal (ECP)**



**Central Alarm Station (CAS)**



ENVIRONMENTAL TEST LAB

COOPERATIVE MONITORING CENTER



LIVE FIRING RANGE

ACCESS DELAY BUNKER

EXTERIOR SENSOR TEST & EVALUATION CENTER TA-III

NTC

ISSTEC

**TA-V**

# Technical Evaluation Assessment Monitor Site (TEAMS)



- Originally built for Technical On-Site Inspection
- CONUS Testbed
- Port of Albuquerque

# CONUS Testbed (TEAMS)

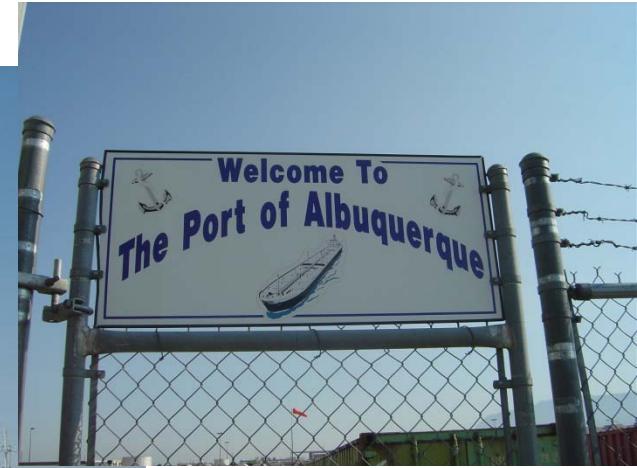


**Located at  
TEAMS**

**Primary function:**

**Radiation  
Detection System  
Integration  
Evaluation**

# Port of Albuquerque (TEAMS)



**Located at TEAMS**

**Primary Function:**

**Cargo Container  
Security Device  
Testing**

# ISSTEC Features



# Other Test Facilities Available at Sandia

- Acoustic/Vibration
- Anechoic chambers
- Electrostatic Discharge
- Mechanical shock
- Climatic (Temperature, Humidity, Salt Fog, Thermal Shock)
- Centrifuge
- Nondestructive testing
- Modeling/Analysis
- Structural Mechanics
- Explosives/Burn Facilities
- Radiation Effects



# Cooperative Monitoring Center (CMC)

- The CMC was established in 1994 to provide a forum for technical and policy experts to explore how technology could help implement confidence building measures, treaties, or other agreements.
- Facilities and partnerships include:
  - Training on the technologies, procedures, and approaches (e.g., on-site inspection, remote monitoring, imagery analysis, sensors, tags and seals)
  - Analysis of security issues and development of options for implementing solutions
  - Test and evaluation of technical approaches
  - Implementation and operation of technical measures.



# Technology Training and Demonstration Area (TTD)

- Exhibit area for technologies used for:

- Nonproliferation
- Combating terrorism
- International security
- Arms control

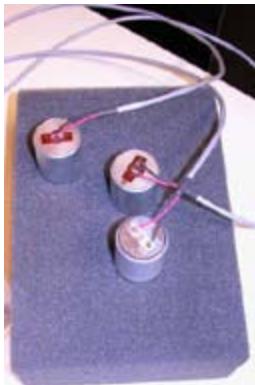
- Technologies include

- Sandia-developed
- Commercial vendor products



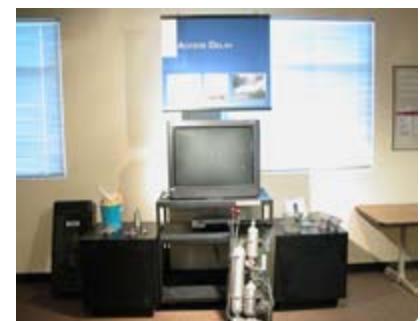
# TTD Arms Control Verification Exhibits

- Satellite Monitoring
- Seismic Monitoring
- On-site Inspections  
(Portable measurement equipment)
- Video Monitoring



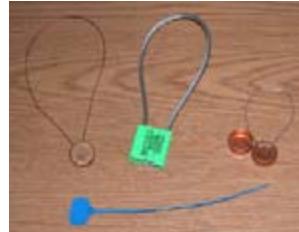
# TTD Physical Protection Exhibits

- Intrusion Detection
- Access Control
- Delay Technologies
- Analysis Tools



# TTD Tags and Seals

- Loop seals
- Bolt seals
- Tamper tape
- Cobra seal
- Active fiber optic seals
- Tamper-evident shrink wrap
- Reflective particle tags
- Bar code tags



# TTD Fissile Material Storage Monitoring Exhibit

- Simulated material storage vault
- Entry captured by a motion detecting camera
- Two containers that can be used for fissile materials and are monitored electronic sensor platforms with fiber optic seals
- Storage pallet for high-density storage of containers
- Collection of containers from Russia and the US that are equipped with a selection of smart bolts
- Material Monitoring System (MMS), a network-based data system that collects, stores, and displays sensor data.



# TTD Radiological Source Monitoring

## **Radiological Threat Reduction (RTR) Program addresses:**

- Security of radioactive sources in hospitals, manufacturing plants, universities, construction sites
- Location, recovery, safe storage or disposal of orphaned sources



# TTD Other Exhibits

- Cooperative Border Monitoring
- Second Line of Defense - Megaports
- Shipping Container Security
- Nuclear Energy
- International Biological Threat Reduction



# Conclusion

- **SNL has been the DOE lead laboratory for physical protection for almost 40 years**
- **Support activities for NA-241 include:**
  - Physical protection of nuclear material during use, storage, and transport
  - U.S.-obligated nuclear material in countries with bilateral agreements
  - IAEA Office of Nuclear Security and Member States
  - Bilateral collaboration with non-weapon states
- **Facilities include world class test, demonstration, and training facilities for physical protection components, systems, and technology**