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**Training Methodology for  
International Nuclear Security**

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# Outline

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**Note:** This presentation has been designed and will be presented as though it were a lecture in a training course.



# Learning Objectives

After this presentation, you should be able to:

- Discuss the RTC objective and audience
- Discuss course components and their importance
- Discuss RTC instructor requirements
- List and discuss the 5 steps of the ISD process
- Describe the importance of learning objectives and how they relate to course components



# RTC Objective

- Students will learn how to apply the principles of a performance-based approach for the design and evaluation of a physical protection system for nuclear facilities and materials against the design basis threat of theft or sabotage
- This methodology is system engineering applied to physical protection
  - Requirements
  - Design
  - Evaluation
- We should not expect to create a new expert in two weeks of training



# RTC Audience

- Nuclear security professionals from a particular geographical region, including:

Competent authority	Guards
License holders	Response forces
Designers	Intelligence agencies
Analysts	Other

- For an optimum learning experience the class should be balanced among these diverse jobs disciplines
- For an enhanced learning experience the class should be fluent in a common language



# PP Training Uses Multiple Training Methods

- PP Training uses different training methods to address different types of learners (auditory, visual, and tactile)
- According to the National Training Laboratory, research shows the following average retention rates for different training methods. As you can see the subgroup exercises are vital for RTC participants.

5% Lecture  
10% Reading  
20% Audio-Visual  
30% Demonstration  
50% Discussion Group  
75% Practice by Doing  
90% Teaching Others



# RTC Structure

- Lectures
- Subgroup Exercises
- National guest lecturers
- Field trip
- Final exercise
- Daily review
- Daily quiz
- Daily evaluation
- Social/cultural/team building activities



# Course Components

Course Components	Type of Learning
Lectures/ Slides	Visual/Auditory
Subgroup Exercises	Visual/Auditory/Tactile
Text	Visual
Facility Tours	Visual/ Auditory/Tactile
Daily Review	Visual/Auditory
Daily Quiz/Daily Evaluation	Visual/Tactile



# RTC Instructors

- **Qualifications**
  - **Subject matter experts in multiple physical protection areas**
  - **Trained instructors**
- **Tasks**
  - **Present multiple lectures**
  - **Lead all subgroup exercises**
- **Commitment**
  - **Minimum of two weeks full time**



# Basic Instructor Training

**The ability to provide effective training is significantly influenced by an instructor's instructional skills and technical expertise.**

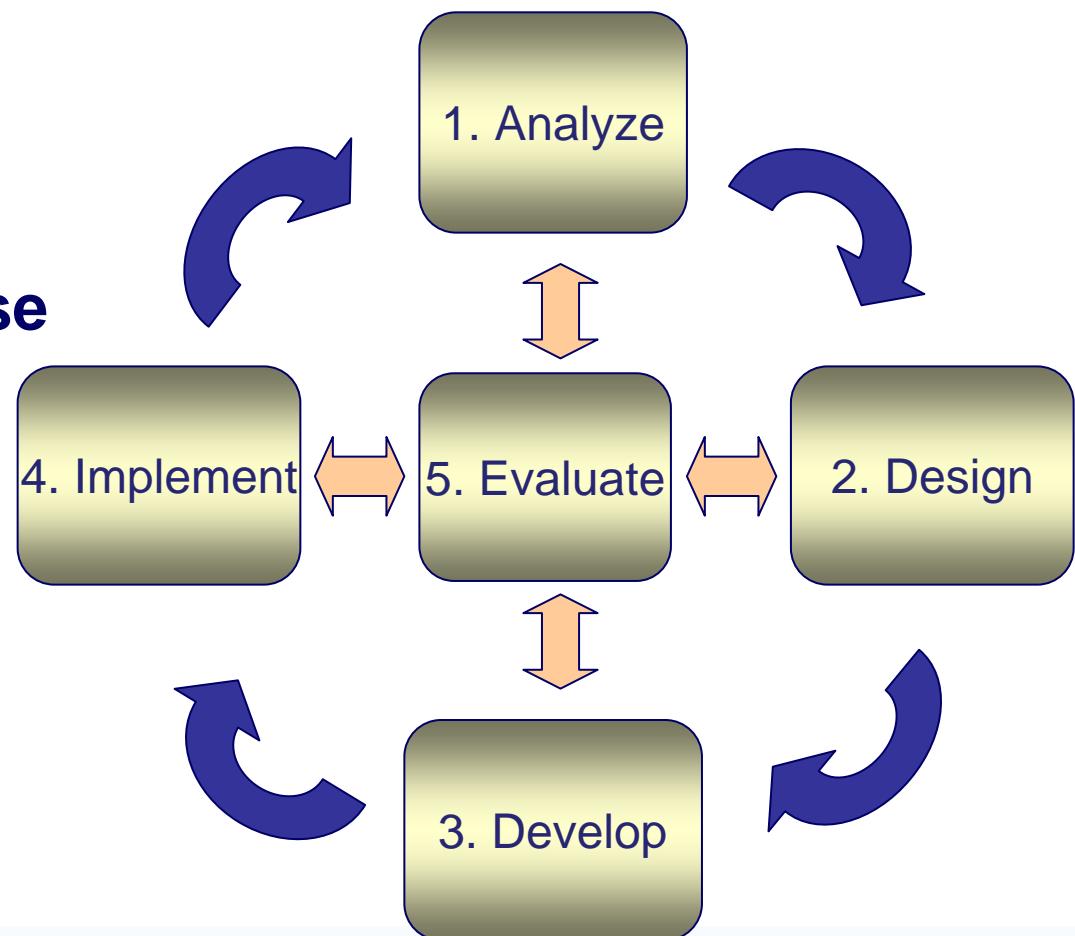
**Instructors should be able to:**

- Use a systematic approach to:**
  - implement training
  - develop and use learning objectives
  - develop and use questioning techniques
- Understand and use adult learning and motivation principles**
- Teach and facilitate classroom learning**
- Use student-centered activities in a classroom environment**
- Manage stress in the classroom**



# Courses Designed and Maintained using 5 Phases of Instructional System Design (ISD)

1. Analysis Phase
2. Design Phase
3. Development Phase
4. Implementation Phase
5. Evaluation Phase



# Why do I “the instructor” need to understand the ISD model?

- An instructor should understand the material they are using and the techniques used to design it
- An instructor should understand who the learners are
- An instructor should understand how to use their teaching material
  - Learning objectives
  - Quizzes
  - Reviews
- Instructors should understand the proper way to upgrade and improve a course



# 1. Analyze

- **Conduct Needs Assessment**
  - Will training fix the problem?
  - Who are the learners, what are their knowledge, skills, attitudes, and competencies?
  - What do people need to learn?
    - PPS Requirements
    - PPS Design
    - PPS Evaluation
- **Develop Course Requirements**
  - RTC Objective
  - Pre-requisite knowledge



## 2. Design

- **Write Student Learning Objectives**

**Student Learning Objective:** A specific description of tasks and abilities the student should be able to do at the end of a module.

- **These are the most important piece of the course: all presentations should focus on these.**
- **These items are directly linked to quiz questions and exercises to test the students knowledge of, or ability to complete the tasks.**

- **Specify Instructional Strategies**

**Instructional strategies:** Approach taken to achieve learning objectives.

- Examples: Lectures, Subgroup, Games, Demonstrations, Reading



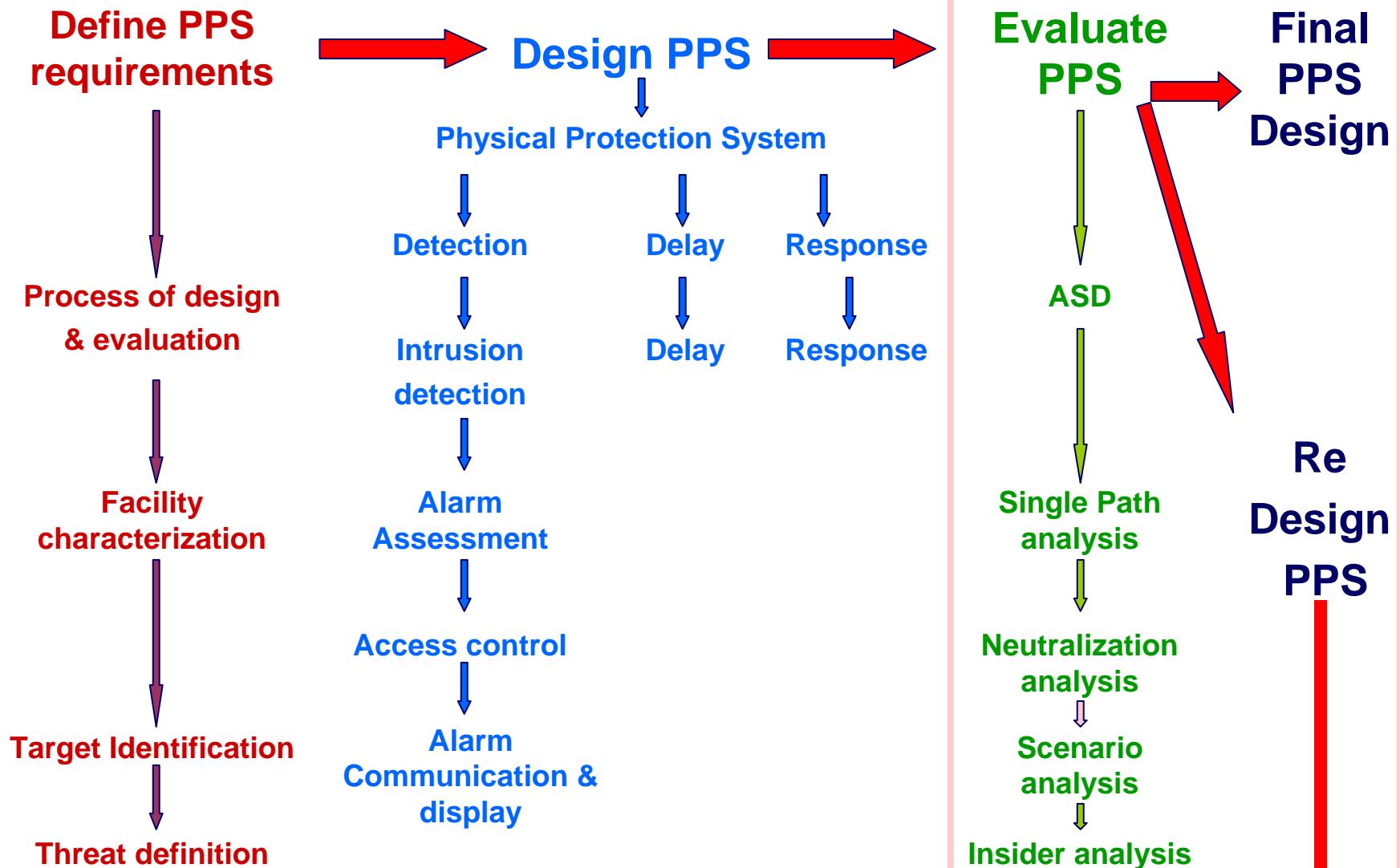
# Introduction to DEPO Methodology

**Methodology based on a system engineering approach — three major steps:**

- 1. Define physical protection system requirements**
- 2. Design new, or characterize existing, physical protection system**
- 3. Evaluate physical protection system performance, and redesign if necessary**



# Design and Evaluation Process Outline (DEPO)



## 3. Develop

- **Develop instructional materials**
  - Text
  - Lecture
  - Exercises
  - Test and evaluation
- Peer review
- Technical editing
- Production



# 4. Implement

- **Instructor rehearsal and critique**
  - Lectures
  - Subgroup exercises
  - Team building
  - Language skills
- **Course presentation**
  - Time management
- **Student learning estimates**
  - Daily quiz and feedback
    - Daily review
  - Instructor meetings



# International Presentation Considerations

- Speak slowly, English is a second language for most participants.
- Focus on the objectives as you work through the presentation.
- Do not use acronyms.
- Do not use idioms or slang words, few of the participants will understand them.
- If asked a question, repeat the question so that everyone can hear it, and to confirm that you understood the question.
- Be aware, jokes do not always translate well.



## 5. Evaluate

- Evaluate versus RTC objective and requirements
  - Student feedback
    - Daily Quizzes (what participants learned)
    - Daily Evaluation Forms (how participants felt)
  - Instructor input
- Updates should be done when
  - Evaluation results suggest needed changes
  - Technologies and tools have changed
- Repeat the instructional system design process



# Quiz Questions

- Quiz questions should be linked directly to the objectives.
  - This allows appropriate measurement of objective comprehension
  - This keeps the message consistent throughout the course
  - Results help identify what topics were understood and retained, and what topics should be reviewed and emphasized the next morning



# Summary

- The RTC teaches a performance based approach to designing and evaluating PPS
- The RTC is designed to teach individuals using visual, auditory, and tactile learning styles
- Learning objectives are key to ensuring
  - Consistent presentations
  - Focused quiz questions
  - Appropriate reviews
- ISD Process →

