

Bilateral Collaboration on the Physical Protection of Nuclear Material

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National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) and
Argentina Nuclear Regulatory Authority (ARN)
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Briefing Outline

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Introduction

- Purpose of briefing
 - Review status of physical protection collaboration
 - Propose future collaboration activities
- Background
 - ARN and DOE have been involved in physical protection collaboration activities since 2003
 - There is currently no project action sheet covering physical protection collaboration
 - 15th PCG meeting was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on August 9, 2010
- Path Forward
 - 15th PCG produced one action item proposing to meet and frame a new physical protection project action sheet



Potential Follow-on Activities (Renewed Interest?)

1. Design Basis Threat (DBT) Workshop
2. Physical Protection System Evaluation
3. Vital Area Identification (VAI) Workshop
4. Physical Protection Equipment Test-bed Workshop

Other Proposed Workshops (15th PCG Request)

1. Vulnerability Analysis (VA) of Physical Protection Systems



Vulnerability Analysis of Physical Protection Systems

- Vulnerability Analysis - An analysis methodology to qualitatively and quantitatively measure the effectiveness of PPS.
- Vulnerability Analysis Process (4 Steps)
 - *Planning*: Planning and managing a vulnerability analysis project.
 - *Data Collection*: Applying facility characterization and target identification processes to collect site-specific data.
 - *Analysis*: Applying various tools used and understanding strength, limitations, and expected cost verses benefit ratios for each tool.
 - *Results*: Collecting results, identifying and documenting deficiencies, and applying upgrades to mitigate deficiencies.
- Apply the vulnerability analysis methodology course concepts on a hypothetical facility similar to an existing nuclear facility



Expanding Technical Capacity

- Three facets to Physical Protection (People, Procedures, Equipment)
- Training Program required to maintain PPS
- Answers to each question shapes the training program
 - What is the goal of the training program?
 - What type of personnel require training in each area of interest?
 - What kind of training?
 - Which of the areas have the highest priority?
 - How many people would need to be trained in each area of interest?
 - What is the desired schedule for training of the different groups?
 - How do you assess effectiveness of a physical protection training program?
 - What training should be conducted at a national level versus a site level?



Summary

- ARN and DOE have a long history of collaboration on physical protection activities.
- Goal is to draft project action sheets as soon as physical protection topics are identified and agreed upon.
- Questions?