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Nuclear Materials Protection, Control, and Accounting

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Background: MPC&A Upgrades

Material Protection, Control and Accounting (MPC&A) upgrades are typically grouped into three categories:

• *Physical Protection* upgrades address the detection of adversaries entering a facility, delaying access to target materials, and response by security forces. In addition, physical protection upgrades provide enhanced protection against sabotage.

• *Material Control and Accounting* upgrades address controlling personnel access to nuclear materials on site and establishing accurate inventories to protect against diversion by facility insiders.

• *Transport Security* upgrades address physical protection, material control and accounting during shipments on or off site.

MPC&A Principles

Protection in Depth: Ensure multiple layers of security to compensate for possible single component failure and increase complexity for the adversary.

Graded approach: Type of upgrades employed depends on attractiveness of nuclear material present.

Balanced protection: Provide protection against threats on all possible paths. Address scenarios involving both insiders and outsiders.

System sustainability: Select systems and equipment that recipient country is equipped to maintain over the long term.

Vulnerability Assessment: MPC&A systems are typically designed after comprehensive vulnerability assessments based on established methodologies.

U.S./R.F. MPC&A Program Structure

Working with FSU since mid 1990s.

1999 Bilateral MPC&A Agreement with Russia under Cooperative Threat Reduction (CTR) Agreement umbrella.

Typically DOE funds U.S. Laboratories, that in turn contract with Russian facilities, vendors.

Joint Coordination Committees established with Minatom, the Ministry of Defense, and GAN



Second Line of Defense

Russia has 40,000 kilometers of border to protect against illicit nuclear material trafficking.

Russian Customs reports 95% of SNM seizures have been made because of the use of portal monitors and other radiation detectors.

Emphasis on stationary systems for detecting nuclear materials, with portable response instruments for localization and identification.



Upgraded Border Crossing

Radiological Threat Reduction

There are thousands of radiological sources and storage facilities worldwide that contain material attractive for use in a radiological dispersion device (RDD).

Over 1,000 RTGs are scattered throughout remote parts of Russia and the former Soviet Union which need to be located, consolidated, and secured

DOE created a high level Task Force to focus attention on securing domestic and international radioactive sources.

DOE's response includes a bilateral effort with Russia, the Tripartite Initiative, and the Radiological Security Partnership

The DOE/NNSA Radiological Threat Reduction Task Force has secured 9 sites in Russia and the FSU

Coordination with G-8 is Essential

U.S. and other G-8 contributors working in parallel at some facilities.

Effective MPC&A is not a series of distinct activities – it is a system.

MPC&A systems are comprised of numerous integrated components:

Detection systems Assessment systems Delay systems Communications systems Response systems

Training and procedures must address <u>all</u> critical components

All components are interdependent.

Committed to finish upgrades by 2008. Congressional requirement to end assistance by 2013.

Work with RF Navy almost complete. Work with Strategic Rocket Forces proceeding rapidly. Kurchatov Institute to be completed later this year.

Minatom "civilian" sites nearing completion.

 Novosibirsk Chemical Concentrates Plant (NCCP), Institute of Physics and Power Engineering (IPPE), Lytkarino Research Institute of Scientific Instruments (RISI) to be completed next year.

Minatom "weapons" sites require more extensive assurance negotiations.

U.S. Priorities

Accelerate Completion of MPC&A Upgrades.

Intensify Sustainability & Oversight Projects – e.g. MOM, MPC&A training, Minatom Self Inspection, GAN support, Personnel Reliability, etc.

Shift to Greater Partnership – Joint Planning (JAP), Improved Communication.