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Status of International Requirements and Guidance for Physical Protection of Nuclear Material during Transport and of Security of Radioactive Material during Transport

In response to growing concerns over the need for security during transport of radioactive material and other materials, various steps have been taken over the last decade to enhance security. It is the view of the Editor-in-Chief that those shipping radioactive material should be aware of this new guidance and apply it as appropriate. As a result, immediately following this editorial, a technical communication is provided.

The purpose of this technical communication is to summarize the status of international requirements and recommendations for security of radioactive material (including physical protection of nuclear material) during transport. This summary is prompted by the recent issuing by the International Atomic Energy Agency of a comprehensive guidance document on providing security during the transport of radioactive material.

These international requirements and recommendations are directed toward protecting radioactive material from malicious acts during transport. The technical communication provides you, the readers of the Journal, with the Uniform Resource Locators (URLs) where available for many of the relevant source documents. This will provide you with the ability to rapidly obtain copies of that material from the Worldwide Web.

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