

Dear All,

On behalf of my supervisor, Mr. Luis Jova Sed, I have the pleasure of informing you that we are organizing the third plenary meeting of the International Project on *Safety Assessment Driven Radioactive Waste Management Solutions (SADRWMS)* at International Atomic Energy Agency (the Agency) Headquarters in Vienna from 30 October to 3 November 2006.

As you already know, the International Project on SADRWMS is designed to examine the application of safety assessment methodology to predisposal waste management practices and facilities including waste storage, and will complement the experience gained with the Agency's project "Improvement of Long-term Safety Assessment Methodologies for Near Surface Disposal Facilities" (ISAM) which was completed in 2000, and the current CRP "Application of Safety Assessment Methodologies for Near Surface Disposal Facilities" (ASAM) whose purpose is to investigate the practical application of safety assessment methodologies to a range of near surface radioactive waste disposal facilities. The SADRWMS project will encompass all types of radioactive waste including disused sources, small volumes, operational waste and spent fuel, legacy and decommissioning waste, and large volumes of NORM residues.

The first and second plenary meetings were held at the Agency Headquarters in Vienna, 22-26 November 2004 and 17-21 October 2005 respectively. These meetings mapped out the project with the objective of developing and harmonising approaches to the safety assessment of activities and facilities for management of radioactive waste prior to disposal, with the **aim of driving forward towards disposal solutions**. In the next meeting we should finish the methodology part of the project as well as to review the work done on the development of a safety assessment tool for predisposal radioactive waste management activities. We should decide on the test cases to be developed using the agreed methodology and where ever possible the safety assessment tool.

As you were informed in the previous meetings the participants in the project are expected to cover their own costs.

Limited funds may, however, be available upon specific request, provided that, in the Agency's view, you had an active participation in the working groups or your participation will make an important contribution to the meeting.

The meeting will commence at 9.30 a.m. on Monday, 30 October 2006 in meeting room C07-V.

We would kindly ask you **to confirm your acceptance to attend this meeting** by return mail (fax: +43-1-26007, email: D.Valle.Hernandez@iaea.org) with reference to the subject of this email (3rd Meeting on SADRWMS) **before 15 of September 2006**.

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