

## RSLs | Regulatory Supervision of Legacy Sites



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### Why is it important?

Various activities and accidents in the past have resulted in legacy sites with significant radioactive contamination. The IAEA's international working forum for the regulatory supervision of legacy sites — RSLs — promotes the establishment and implementation of regulatory supervision for legacy sites that is consistent with the IAEA safety standards and with good international practice. This working forum aims to improve regulatory supervision of legacy sites and the protection of the public and the environment.

### What do I need to know?

RSLs covers regulatory supervision of all types of nuclear legacy sites and fosters knowledge transfer, information sharing and peer support. The forum addresses topics including:

- Identification of contaminated legacy sites;
- Remediation strategy and planning;
- Site evaluation and characterization;
- Regulatory requirements and guidance development;
- Implementation of regulatory function, licensing and authorisation, inspection and compliance monitoring, and enforcement;
- Safety assessment and monitoring;
- Interim safety measures;
- Life cycle support for remediation programmes, including radiation protection, radioactive waste management, criteria for site release and termination of activities.

The forum primarily aims to strengthen regulatory performance through developing regulators' skills, but participation also is open to site operators. All Member States can participate.

Important forum activities include workshops at legacy sites and demonstration events. RSLs has organized workshops at three uranium legacy sites.

## What actions are recommended?

The IAEA is publishing a technical document that documents the activities of the first phase of RSLs.

Member States should email [decom.issues@iaea.org](mailto:decom.issues@iaea.org) if they wish to participate in RSLs.

IAEA facilitates annual meetings of the forum. To learn about IAEA meetings, check the online IAEA Meeting Schedule.

## Resources

*Regulatory Supervision of Legacy Sites*  
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