

Environment Agency
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Head Office



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MANAGEMENT AND CONTACTS:

The Environment Agency delivers a service to its customers, with the emphasis on authority and accountability at the most local level possible. It aims to be cost-effective and efficient and to offer the best service and value for money.

Head Office is responsible for overall policy and relationships with national bodies including Government.

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For general enquiries please call your local Environment Agency office. If you are unsure who to contact, or which is your local office, please call our general enquiry line.

**ENVIRONMENT AGENCY
GENERAL ENQUIRY LINE**

0645 333 111

The 24-hour emergency hotline number for reporting all environmental incidents relating to air, land and water.

**ENVIRONMENT AGENCY
EMERGENCY HOTLINE**

0800 80 70 60

Contact details: Either of the addresses below; or your local Health and Safety Executive office, which you will find in the telephone book; or your local police station.

Environment and
Heritage Service
Natural Heritage
Commonwealth House
35 Castle Street
Belfast BT1 1GU
Tel: (01232) 251477
Fax: (01232) 546660

Environment and
Heritage Service
Built Heritage
5-33 Hill Street
Belfast BT1 2LA
Tel: (01232) 235000
Fax: (01232) 543111

Environment and
Heritage Service
Environmental
Protection
Calvert House
23 Castle Place
Belfast BT1 1FY
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RADIATION WARNING

THIS SYMBOL IDENTIFIES RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL



DON'T TOUCH IT!

DO NOT HANDLE OR MOVE ANY
OBJECT CARRYING THE SYMBOL

DON'T SCRAP IT!

DO NOT BREAK, REMOVE OR TAMPER
WITH ANY PROTECTIVE CASING

DON'T DUMP IT!

UNAUTHORISED DISPOSAL IS DANGEROUS
AND A CRIMINAL OFFENCE



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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Radioactive sources – including those used in hospitals and industry – are closely controlled by government and environment agencies and manufacturers to protect workers, the general public and the environment.

Abroad, however, there have been serious accidents where radioactive material has either been collected inadvertently with scrap metal and melted down at steelworks, or has been found dumped at rubbish tips. These incidents have resulted in dangerous and costly contamination – putting workers and public at risk.

Although the chance of this happening in the UK is small, illegal dumping has occurred so you need to be aware of the risks you and others face if radioactive material turns up in your scrapyards, rubbish tip or is found illegally dumped.

ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE SERVICE

What is the Environment and Heritage Service?

The Environment and Heritage Service was set up as an agency within the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 1 April 1996. Its role is to build on the work of its predecessor, the Environment Service, which brought together Countryside and Wildlife, Environmental Protection and Historic Monuments and Buildings. This integrated provision for the care of the natural and built environment is unique in the UK.

What does the Environment and Heritage Service do?

The Environment and Heritage Service is responsible for implementing environmental policy in Northern Ireland within the framework of Northern Ireland legislation and the rapidly-developing European Commission Directives and other provisions.

The Service protects wildlife sites, habitats and species, and protects and promotes the countryside.

Environment and Heritage Service maintains water quality, regulates pollution, promotes environmental quality, oversees waste management and is responsible for the control of radioactive materials.

Historic monuments, buildings and shipwrecks are identified, recorded and protected, and sites in state care are conserved and preserved to the public.



THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

What is the Environment Agency?

The Environment Agency was formed on 1 April 1996 from the National Rivers Authority, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Pollution, Waste Regulation Authorities and units from the Department of the Environment, now the Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions (DETR). The Agency is a non-departmental body sponsored by the DETR, Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food and the Welsh Office.

What does the Environment Agency do?

The Agency's responsibilities include the regulation of radioactive waste disposal from nuclear sites and the accumulation, keeping and use of radioactive substances at non-nuclear sites.

It also regulates industrial processes with the greatest polluting potential.

Other responsibilities include regulating the treatment, storage, movement and disposal of controlled waste. The Agency registers and monitors waste producers, requiring them to re-use, recover or recycle materials as appropriate.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU:

Minimise the Risks

SCRAPYARD – Old factory machines may pose a threat. Always enquire whether any radioactive sources were used and may still be in the machine. Be suspicious of an object if it is very heavy for its size. It could be lead but it could also be made out of depleted uranium which is used to shield radioactive sources.

RUBBISH TIPS & DUMPS – Be wary of containers such as drums, heavy boxes and objects displaying the Radiation Warning Symbol.

Look out for equipment containing radioactivity which may be identified by this symbol.



TYPE

Cobalt (^{60}Co)
Iridium (^{192}Ir)
Caesium (^{137}Cs)
Radium (^{226}Ra)

QUANTITY

Curie (Ci)
Millicurie (mCi)
Becquerel (Bq)
Gigabecquerel (GBq)

These terms are normally used in association with the Radiation Warning Symbol. They indicate the type of radioactive material and its quantity. (Other markings describing the type of container may also be present).

These are typical examples of used
radioactive source containers

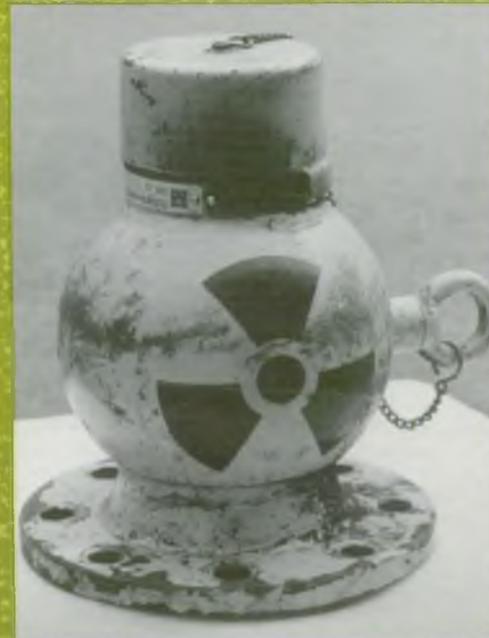
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Industrial Radiography Sources

Transport Container



Industrial Radiography Source



Level Gauge Source