## WHERE TO GET HELP

You can find information regarding your State radiation control agency at the following site:

www.nrc.gov/what-we-do/state-tribal.html

www.hsrd.ornl.gov/nrc/asdirectr.htm



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## WHAT SHOULD I DO

#### IF I ENCOUNTER



### **RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS?**



U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

# THIS IS WHAT YOU SHOULD DO...



RECOGNIZE RADIOACTIVE ITEM, IF UNSURE OF RADIOACTIVE NATURE OF ITEM, TREAT AS RADIOACTIVE.



DO NOT TOUCH THE SOURCE.



PUT DISTANCE BETWEEN YOU AND THE SOURCEAND IF POSSIBLE, PUT SOMETHING BETWEEN YOU AND THE SOURCE.



WARN OTHERS AND SECURE THE



CONTACT YOUR STATE RADIATION CONTROL OFFICE, THE U.S. **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION** AGENCY, OR THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION IMMEDIATELY.

### **BACKGROUND**

Each year, a number of radioactive items are lost, stolen, or abandoned. Some of these items are recovered by law enforcement personnel or members of the public. Please familiarize yourself with the information contained in this brochure to better prepare yourself in the case that you should find radioactive material.

#### RADIATION WARNING SYMBOL

This symbol should appear on containers and devices which hold radioactive substances. Its color and size may vary; however, its color is usually magenta or black on yellow. Please note that not all containers and devices requiring the radiation warning symbol will be properly marked with the symbol.



#### NATURE AND QUANTITY OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL

The following are examples of terms normally used in association with the radiation warning symbol to indicate the nature of the radioactive material and its quantity. Certain other markings describing the type of container may also appear.

> Examples: Nature of Radioactive Material Cobalt-60 (Co-60 or <sup>®</sup>Co) Iridium-192 (Ir-192 or <sup>192</sup>Ir)

Cesium-137 (Cs-137 or 137Cs) Radium-226 (Ra-226 or 226Ra)

Examples: Quantity of Radioactive Material

Curie (Ci) Millicurie (mCi) Becauerel (Ba) Gigabecquerel (GBg)

Examples: Other Markings DOT

Type A or B CDN/XXXX/B USA/XXXX/B

# TYPICAL ITEMS



PORTABLE MOISTURE/DENSITY GAUGE



INDUSTRIAL RADIOGRAPHY CAMERA



RADIOACTIVE MEDICAL WASTE







