Canada's Nuclear Regulator

ALARM RESPONSE GUIDELINES Radiation Portal Monitoring Systems



Locations where radiation portal monitoring systems are in use







Border crossings

Metal waste Ports of entry Waste and landfil sites

Examples of radioactive material detected by radiation portal monitoring systems

Radium luminous devices



Altimeter dial

Compass

Radium-tipped toggle switch dashboard

Dials in old aircraft Homeopathic device

Radiation devices and packages

Items that contain radioactive material may come in different forms, shapes and sizes. You should be familiar with the typical markings, such as the three-bladed radiation warning symbol, and the terms used to describe the radioactive materials. The radiation warning symbol should appear on devices or containers that hold

Radiation warning symbol (trefoil) Black on a yellow background Magenta on a yellow background



radioactive material, and may be on a tag, label or etched in the metal. Note that not all containers or devices containing radioactive material will be properly marked with the radiation warning symbol.





Commercial smoke detector

Fixed gauge Fixed gauge Fixed gauge Fixed gauge Fixed gauge







Portable

gauge



Level gauge

Packages containing radioactive material

Sheered fixed gauge

Sealed sources







Sealed source examples contained within the above radiation devices



























Isolate the load, characterize

and identify the source

of radiation

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