Basic Safety Standards

Topical Presentation of Mauritania

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MAURITANIA
PROFIL OF THE COUNTRY

MAURITANIE
Régions administratives

Tiris Zemmour
Dahlat Nawadjibu
Adrar
Taqant
Hud-al-Garbi
Hud-aš-Šarqi
Brakna
Assaba
Qurqul
Qidimağa
Nawakšut
Trarza
Inširi
MUARITANIA
PROFIL OF COUNTRY

- TOTAL AREA: 1,030,700 km²
- LAND AREA: 1,030,400 km²
- REFERENCE AREA: about twice the size of France
- BORDER COUNTRIES: 5074 km; Algeria 463km, 2237km Mali, Sénegal 813km, Morocco 1561km
- Length of coastline: 754 km

Administrative organization:
- 13 regions (wilaya) administered by a Governor (Wali)
- 53 departments (Moughataa) headed by a prefect (Hakim)
- 40 districts
- 216 municipalities supervised by Secretaries General
- 3 500 to 3 800 localities

Electoral organization
- 95 members (including 14 national)
- 56 senators (including 3 designated)
- 216 mayors
The application using ionizing radioactive source in Mauritania

- 16 radiology units used in public hospitals.
- 10 radiology units used in private hospitals.
- 1 radiotherapy unit used in the National Oncology Centre (NOC).
- 1 unit of brachytherapy used (NOC).
- 1 unit of nuclear medicine in preparation (NOC).
- 8 scanners used (public and private hospitals).
- 7 Oil and Gas processing
- 5 Mining companies
Absence of Safety Reporting Systems

Mauritania has undertaken a new policy by adopting a law on energy in order to master this field.

Actually, the authority is undertaking an inventory of all radioactive sources and has opened cooperation at national level by signing memo of understanding with Ministry of Health; Ministry of Oil, customs duties etc…

By lobbying, the authority has convinced the Government to be under the presidency of Prime Minister to have more power all others ministries making of its National Council.

And passed its decision related to regulation more quickly.

The regulatory body does not have any information on incidents that may have occurred for the following reasons:
Deficiencies

• The absence of any communication between the regulatory body and the hospitals due to the regulatory body is newly established.

• In the case of accidents in any hospital is most often hidden and conceal it.

• Non-fluency in obtaining data.
Culture of Radiation protection

• Despite, the young age of the Authority some steps have been done:
• Organisation of training for twenty doctors and technicians on radiation protection for the first time in 2011
• Finally, it is worth to mention that we are at the beginning by we try to make the stakeholders in this domain cooperate
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