

Generation and Management of Radioactive Waste

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Once equipment and materials are declared radioactive waste, they follow a very strict procedure before final elimination can be reached. Obviously we should minimize radioactive waste but do we understand why? Presentation of major issues at stake; money is one, others are regulations and additional burden, but also publicity and “good neighbour” attitude. Traceability of waste is treated in the previous presentation. What is the view of Management on waste, e.g. regarding the responsibility for waste being transferred to RP or kept by “owner”? And what about waste produced at CERN by external teams? What is the view of users on waste management; e.g. is this a black box in which useless stuff can be thrown or a service provided to users, with or without cost, and with users keeping some responsibility?

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