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Press Release

DOE coordinates National Training on Radiation Safety and Security: Orphan Source Search and Recovery

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The Department of the Environment within the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change, and Disaster Risk Management in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and with support from an expert mission of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is hosting a training on Radiation Safety and Security relating to Orphan Source Search and Recovery from June 28-July 1, 2022. This training will be provided to frontline Public Officers from various government departments with the aim of building human capacity in radiation safety and security, relating to orphan sources and to build competency within the regulatory body to effectively discharge its mandate under the Radiation Safety and Security Act, 2020 and relevant IAEA Safety Standards.

The Government of Belize seeks to promote the safe and peaceful use of radioactive and nuclear technology in Belize for its many benefits in the medical, agricultural, industrial, and academic sectors. As a Member State of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Belize is participating in a regional technical cooperation project entitled, **RLA9087: Building Capacity and Sustaining Regulatory Bodies**.

The Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management will continue to provide the support in establishing the institutional framework to carry out the various roles and functions under the Act. This includes having these trained front line officers forming part of a team to do both administrative and physical search in view of recovering any potential orphan sources and enter these into regulatory control.

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