Questionnaire for NORM service providers

This questionnaire is intended for institutes and companies providing services relevant for **NORM industries in Belgium**. Its objective is to give to Belgian NORM industries a view on relevant companies and institutes through the publication of a list of "NORM services providers" on the website of the *Federal Agency for Nuclear Control* (FANC), the Belgian radiation protection and nuclear safety authority.

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2) Which kind of services does your company provide?

Please tick where appropriate.

Measurements					
Laboratory measurements				\boxtimes	
	All matrices			\boxtimes	
	Soil	\boxtimes	Solid waste	\boxtimes	
	Water (drinking water or groundwater)	\boxtimes	Waste water	\boxtimes	
	Reading of radon detector			\boxtimes	
	Reading of dose-badge			\boxtimes	
Dust measurements			\boxtimes		

Laboratory measurements are done with partner companies. NCC performs sampling (incl. development of sampling strategies), sample management and checking the quality of results. We are able to deliver measuring results for:

- U-238, U-235, Th-230*, Ra-226, Pb-210, (Th-232 via Ra-228 in solids), Ra-228, Th-228, Ra-224, Ac-227, Ra-223, Cs-137, K-40 from gammaspectrometry
- * only at high activity levels
 - U-234/U-238; Th-232/Th-230/Th-228, Po-210 from alpha-spectrometry
 - H-3 (LSC, with pre-enrichment possible)
 - C-14 (LCS)
 - Rn-222 in water (emanometry)

Additionally to radionuclides we are able deliver analytics of chemical substances (trace elements as Pb, As, organic compounds PAC, HC, ...).

On-field measurements

We are able to measure

- dose-rates (with devices having NaJ-detectors and are suitable to measure very low dose rates; devices are calibrated regularly on reference sites of German BfS)
- radon (Alpha Guard)
- surface contamination (CoMo 170)

We can identify radionuclides on-site with hand-held gamma-spectrometers (IdentFinder)

We have done several surveys for checking the radioactivity of oil/gas production facilities as well as chemical processing facilities. With data obtained we built up NORM contamination cadastres.

Furthermore, we have experience in sampling soil, water, waste, but also crops, fruits, vegetables, milk, etc. (We are performing such sampling for the German Final Repository "Schacht Konrad" near Braunschweig)

Impact studies

Risk-assessment / dose-assessment



We have done several radio-ecological studies with estimation of doses for persons of the public, e.g.

- Radiological assessments of mine water discharges in the Fossa Eugeniana (Lower Rhine Area near Kamp-Lintfort in NRW).(*) Customer: LINEG, Contact Person: L. Steinberg. Brochure with an extended description of the project (85 pages in German) is available and can be submitted.
- Opencast brown-coal mine Hambach (North-Rhine Westphalia).
 Customer: RWE Power. Contact person: S. Asmus
- Radioactive contaminations in a residential area in Hanover-List (Lower Saxony). Customer: Region Hannover. Contact person: B. Evers
- Dose assessments for workers in a steel-work. Exposure from Pb-210, Po-210 (Customer: confidential)
- (*) Study was done on 2004/2005. Our team was involved as project leader. Work was done in our work for the former HGN Hydrogeologie GmbH (HGN was taken over by Fugro in 2008)

We have done several studies concerning radioactive contaminations of water:

- Groundwater contamination in the region of the former U-Mine Königstein (Saxony) (+)
- Contamination of River Elbe from discharges of U-Mine Königstein (+)
- Groundwater contamination at a radioactive contaminated site with a former chemical plant (North Germany)
- Groundwater monitoring "Ellweiler" (former U-Mill in Rhineland-Palatine)
 annual evaluation of radionuclide concentrations in groundwater
- Analyses of tritium in sewage water of a landfill.
- In 2013 we finished a research project (customer BfS) that analysed I-131 in big German rivers (Elbe, Weser, Ems, Rhine) and derived annual balances of I-131 for OSPAR reporting.
- (*) Studies were done in our work for the former HGN Hydrogeologie GmbH (HGN was taken over by Fugro in 2008)

NORM waste

NORM waste management



NCC is active in the NORM waste management.

- We classify NORM waste according to radioactive as well as chemicaltoxic characteristics.
- We optimize disposal ways for NORM.
- We prepare applications for release of NORM from regulatory control
- We prepare case specific or annual balances of disposed NORM (acc. to § 100 German RPO)
- We have prepared a study which has analysed possibilities for NORM waste treatment and disposal in a world-wide frame.
- We co-operate with German companies that offer services for NORM waste treatment (e.g. Hg-decontamination, decontamination of NORMcontaminated tubings from oil/gas production).
- We are able to manage disposal of waste in German underground repositories up to activity of 5 Bq/g (U-238max+Th-232max).

Our customers are from oil-gas industry, metallurgy, chemical industry, and mining.

Decontamination of NORM contaminated equipment



NCC co-operates with German companies that offer services for NORM waste treatment (e.g. Hg-decontamination, decontamination of NORM-contaminated tubings from oil/gas production)

NCC has contributed to a process development for extraction of Thorium from Th-Mg-Alloys. The process line is in preparation and we are able to manage problems with Th-Mg-Alloys in near future.

Site remediation

Soil remediation



Our team has planned and managed several site remediation measures at radioactive contaminated sites. Most recent projects are:

- 2012/13: Steering and supervision of remediation measures at a NORM contaminated area in the City of Hanover. Radioactively and chemically contaminated ground in several properties of a residential area had to be decontaminated. The radioactive contaminated soil had to be separated, classified according disposal routes and balanced for masses and activities.
- 2014: Planning, steering and supervision of a soil exchange at a radioactive contaminated ground in Oranienburg (near Berlin, Former Thproduction site).

Water remediation

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NCC co-operates for planning of technical solutions for water remediation with other consultant and planning companies.

Our part in any water remediation project covers:

- Analysis of site specific conditions and derivation of proposals for remediation targets.
- Analysis of radionuclide redistributions in the process-line. Prognosis of enrichments that may be of concern for radiological assessments.
- Management of water treatment residues.