

Project Services

The development of an Integrated Site System for the detection of illicit trafficking of radioactive and nuclear materials

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About us



- Part of of British Nuclear Fuels Limited (BNFL)
- Highly qualified specialists across a range of scientific, technical and engineering disciplines including:
 - Project Management and Nuclear Engineering / Decommissioning
 - Environmental and Waste Management
 - > CBRN
 - Services and Instrumentation (S&I)
- Specialists in providing integrated radiometric detection and measurement systems
- 50 years international nuclear experience
- Over 800 staff





Introduction



- Global Partnership International Collaboration aimed at improving national and global security
- Project Services Project Management for nuclear security projects portfolio
 - Preventing sabotage and theft of radioactive materials
 - Reducing vulnerability to and consequences of terrorist activity
 - Promoting sustainability of security enhancements to ensure long-term effectiveness
- Project Services has designed, installed and commissioned a radiation detection system to monitor vehicles and personnel movements at a major nuclear licensed site



Assessment of Suppliers



- Project initiated in 2003 by the Site Head of Safeguards, Security and International Affairs
- Collaboration between Project Services, IAEA and experts from the UK to define requirements
- Fundamental Principle: "Wherever possible use commercially available equipment" to minimise cost and risk
- Considered equipment suppliers from UK, Europe, USA and FSU
- Considered performance, previous experience and support infrastructure
- Identified shortlist of suppliers
- Project Services awarded contract to supply, integrate, install and commission the systems to meet site security requirements



Development of Specification



- Discussions with client, key stakeholders, HM Revenue & Customs and UK Home Office
- Identified quantities of materials to be detected from Threat Assessment
- Consideration of background levels, environmental considerations etc.
- Consideration of permissible false alarm rates
- Inclusion of non-SNM radioactive materials
- Review of vehicle / pedestrian traffic levels to determine throughput
- Collaboration with preferred suppliers to tailor systems to meet requirements of client
- Integration of separate commercial systems into a single site wide perimeter monitoring system



Identified System Needs



- Inbound and Outbound Vehicle Monitoring Systems
- Inbound and Outbound Pedestrian Monitoring Systems
- Handheld Radioisotope Identifier Systems
- Automatic Number Plate Recognition Systems
- Centralised database systems to collate data from each system
- Construction road furniture, barriers, turnstiles, access control systems





Generic Gate Layout





Vehicle Monitors

- Gamma (PVT) and neutron based (He-3) detection system
- Vehicle speeds up to 20 mph (30 kph) to be monitored
- Up to 60,000 vehicles / week
- Up to 4m wide and 4m tall vehicles
- Discrimination against NORM based on radiation energy and distribution
- Colour CCTV and source image of vehicle produced
- Local storage of images and radiation data for all vehicles
- Alarm Data sent to central database server for archiving / evidence









Pedestrian Monitors

- Gamma (Csl) and neutron based (He-3) detection system
- Bi-directional measurement as pedestrian approaches turnstile
- Turnstile locked if radiation source detected (person is not detained)
- Integrated CCTV / digital video captures image of person
- Isotope identification and discrimination against medical isotopes
- Local storage of image and radiation data
- Alarm Data sent to central database server for archiving / evidence











Handheld Monitors

- First stage of investigation of alarms Guard Force will detain/release person/vehicle based on this system
- Neutron and gamma radioisotope identification
- Provides rapid dose measurement for source localisation
- Longer duration measurement available to identify source material and type (SNM, Industrial, Medical, NORM)
- Data download to central database is linked with originating alarms data from portals
- Docking station houses standardisation source to maintain system calibration







Vehicle Number Plate Recognition

- Inbound and Outbound cameras at each vehicle gate
- ANPR cameras for vehicle number plate recognition
- Colour cameras to provide image of vehicle allowing operator to identify make, model and colour
- Number plates compared to authorised vehicle database and "watch" list
- Guard Force to know which vehicles are currently on site at any given time
- Access can be denied if vehicle is on "blacklist"
- Temporary access vehicles (deliveries etc.) that overstay their allocated times can be identified







Alarm Response

- Procedure developed with client, Guard Force, HP&S
- Multiple stages involving different teams:
 - Portal monitors operated by Site Owner
 - Ist Stage investigation using handheld monitors to confirm radiation present, localise and identify sources
 - 2nd Stage investigation by health physics to provide better information on dose rates, contamination levels, source recovery etc.
 - 3rd Stage investigation by Project Services to provide detailed information regarding characterisation and quantification







Characterisation & Quantification

BILD NUClear Decommissioning Authority

- 'State-of-the-art' radiometric equipment and analysis software
- Discovered materials to be either repatriated or disposed of
- Project Services under contract with UK Home Office / HMRC
- Provision of nuclear material characterisation at ports & airports
- Quick response teams (24 hour call-out) provide radioisotope identification and quantification





Summary (1)



- Site perimeter security is provided by a fully integrated system comprising:
 - Vehicle Radiation Monitoring
 - Pedestrian Radiation Monitoring
 - Handheld Radioisotope identifiers
 - Vehicle Number plate recognition
- Optimum system for client ensured by:
 - > Determination of the most appropriate commercially available systems
 - Project Services specification and enhancement of standard systems to meet specific needs of client
- Response procedures developed that provide a structured methodology for investigating alarms at the portals



Summary (2)



- Provision of Project Services 3rd Stage response function to perform specialist investigations to further assess, characterise and quantify any radioactive sources
- Project Services have worked closely with the Guard Force to ensure response plans that are specifically tailored for the facility, ensuring minimal disruption to the site operations
- This example shows how Project Services could provide such systems to specific sites, country borders, national and international events etc. to form a defence against trafficking of radioactive materials







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