

# Guidance Document for POTWs

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# Guidance Document

- Received input from POTWs on information desired
  - Why no reporting of discharges to the POTW?
  - Who has what authority to control discharges?
  - What are safe levels in sewage sludge/ash?
  - How to interpret results of analyses?

# Guidance Document

- Guidance format rather than regulation oriented
- Will incorporate results of survey and modeling efforts
- The final guidance may or may not contain tables with values for radionuclides in sludges

# POTW Guidance Document

- Provide POTWs with background information and guidance on:
  - who regulates radioactive material
  - why there is radioactivity in sewage sludge/ash
  - background levels and NORM
  - numbers and types of licensees that have the ability to discharge to POTWs
  - how to analyze for radioactivity in sludge/ash and cost of analysis
  - where to obtain more information

# Status of Guidance Document

- May 1997 -- Draft guidance document circulated for public comment
- Nov' 1998 -- copies sent to State Radiation and Water Pollution Control Agencies for comment (along with request for suggested POTWs to include in survey effort)
- Dec' 1999 - revised draft responding to comments on May'97 draft due to full ISCORS Committee for review before issuing for comment in early Yr2000

# Schedule

- Early 2000 -- issue 2nd Draft Joint NRC/EPA guidance document for comment
- Fall 2001 -- Issue Final Jt. NRC/EPA Guidance Document for POTWs