

Working Group 4

Why should different strategies be applied to different sectors and what should these differences be?

Strategies

- Two concepts
 - Concentrate and contain
 - Dilute and disperse
- Common waste issues
 - Differing approaches (flexibility)
 - Not all solutions based on RP concerns

Findings

- Decision making processes can always benefit from practical experiences of regulators and operators.
- Decisions should be made on sound scientific basis, otherwise optimisation won't be achieved
- Recognise that a “one size fits all solution” will not always lead to optimisation
- Flexibility must be provided for

Recommendation

- It is recommended that the European Commission should gather information on available waste strategy options and experience in using these options for the management of waste in the non-nuclear sector. Emphasis should be on practical experiences rather than just theoretical considerations.
- As an input into this information gathering exercise further research is required in particular for NORM waste options. Funding must be made available for this research

There are a number areas identified where this information would be very beneficial

e.g. Waste and discharges from hospitals
NORM residues and waste