

Risk communication and stakeholder involvement: lessons learned for NORM-containing residues

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Reuse and recycling of the industrial residues that contain elevated levels of natural radioactivity could contribute greatly to our transition towards a more sustainable economic system. Proper management of NORM residues will require recognition of environmental, economic and social considerations. By increasing our understanding of interests, concerns and expectations of various stakeholders, of the complexity of people's risk perceptions and behaviours, we can contribute to improved risk communication and stakeholder engagement. Inclusion of societal considerations into decision-making and the engagement of stakeholders will help us develop solutions based on trust, cooperation and understanding. The research into the societal dimension of NORM-containing residues is still scarce. This talk with focus on what can be learned from the experiences from other fields of radiation risk management and how this learning can help us develop effective and evidence-based approaches to risk communication and stakeholder involvement and contribute to proper management of NORM-residues.