# **DIRTY BOMB CONTAINMENT SYSTEM**

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# What Is A "Dirty Bomb"



#### **Radioactive Material**



#### Conventional Explosive



### **Radioactive Source Material**

Cesium-137 (gamma emitter)

- Half-life = 30 years
- Cobalt-60 (gamma emitter)
  - Half-life = 5.2 years
- Americium-243 (alpha emitter)
  Half-life = 7,300 years

### **Conventional Applications**

- Medical gauges and instrumentation
- OII field/geologic testing and gauge equipment
- Food irradiation
- Biological sterilization



2,100 Curie Gamma Kolos Canisters

### Dispersal Scenario #1 - Cesium



### Source: One medical gauge

Inner Ring: One cancer death per 100 people due to remaining radiation Middle Ring: One cancer death per 1,000 people due to remaining radiation Outer Ring: One cancer death per 10,000 people due to remaining radiation EPA recommends decontamination or destruction

### Dispersal Scenario #2 - Cobalt



Source: One 1" x 12" rod

Inner Ring: One cancer death per 100 people due to remaining radiation

Middle Ring: One cancer death per 1,000 people due to remaining radiation

**Cuter Ring:** One cancer death per 10,000 people due to remaining radiation EPA recommends decontamination or destruction

### Dispersal Scenario #3a - Americium



### Source: One oil well test device

### Immediate health effects

Inner Ring: All people must receive medical supervision Middle Ring: Maximum annual dose for radiation workers exceeded Outer Ring: Area should be evacuated before radiation doud passes

### Dispersal Scenario #3b - Americium



Source: One oil well test device

Inner Ring: One cancer death per 100 people due to remaining radiation Middle Ring: One cancer death per 1,000 people due to remaining radiation Outer Ring: One cancer death per 10,000 people due to remaining radiation EPA recommends decontamination or destruction

### **Current Mitigation Measures**

### Inventory Control

- Controlled access to radioactive sources
- Consolidation of loosely controlled sources
- Strict accountability of existing sources

### Early Detection and Monitoring

Detectors at key transportation nodes and borders

### Coordinated Emergency Response

- First-responder evacuation training
- Health care personnel response training







## **Radiation Containment System (RCS)**



- General Design Criteria
  - Contain blast from conventional explosives up to 15 lbs.
  - Suppress gamma radiation to < 100 roentgers one foot from shield surface</p>
  - Highly mobile using conventional vehicles
  - Remote control of handling operations
  - Easy and rapid retro-fit of shield to existing Nabco containment vessels

# **RCS 250 Exposure Calculations**





# **RCS 250 Mobilization**





### **Suspended Position**

**Radiation Shield In Place** 

# **Transport Vehicle Interface**





#### **Base Channel**

### Channel/Shield Interface/Lock

# **RCS 250 Loading Dirty Bomb**



# **RCS 250 Containment Structure**



# **RCS 250 Filtration System**



# **RCS 250 Contaminant Fixation**



# **RCS Family of Containment Systems**

| <u>Model</u> | <u>Weight</u> | Specification   |
|--------------|---------------|---|
| RCS-250      | 6,000         | Attenuates up to 250 curies. Provides lightweight containment fitted on existing blast suppression platform.  |
| RCS-500      | 11,000        | Attenuates up to 500 curies. Similar to the RCS - 250 but<br>configured to contain larger radioactive source. Requires<br>specialized transport trailer/platform. |
| RCS-1000     | 26,000        | Attenuates up to 1000 curies. Holds an entire passenger vehicle.<br>Eliminates need to transfer bomb into secondary containment.                                  |
| RCS-AB       | 3,000         | Attenuates up to 100 curies. Enables removal of radiological/explosive package from high-rise buildings. Delivered to target location using helicopter.           |