

# U.S. Customs and Border Protection

## Radiation Systems Evolution

### From Counter-Drug to Counter-Terrorism

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# Radiation within the CBP Mission

- This presentation demonstrates how **Operational Radiation Safety** has assisted the rapid fielding of Non-Intrusive Inspections Systems for the U.S. Customs and Border Protection
- This briefing is for your information and is NOT for attribution.



# Radiation within the CBP Mission

## Non-Intrusive Inspection:

- Currently Gamma-Ray or X-Ray/Accelerator

## Passive Detection:

- Portal Monitors and 'self ranging' devices
- Examination of radiation in commerce



# Growth Since 1998



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# CBP Radiation Safety Philosophy

## Actively Engage Stakeholders:

Unions

Trade Associations (e.g., Film, Port Authorities)

Public Bodies (e.g., CRCPCD, OAS)

Department of Defense

CORAR and NEI

US and International Regulators

Consensus Groups: ANSI

Continue to refine current & planned protection



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# CBP Radiation Safety Philosophy

**Radiation Worker Exposure limits are falling to 40% of current levels**

**By working with Vendors, CBP exposure limits are 2% of current worker limits**

**CBP maximum exposures are <1% of limits!**

**Continue to refine current & planned protection**



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# Radiation Detection System Baggage X-ray



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# Radiation Detection System Baggage X-ray



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# Personal Radiation Detector



# Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System II

(Early models have Cesium-137; later models have Cobalt-60)



# 101-X-ray Van



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# Truck X-ray System



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# Mobile Truck X-Ray System



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# Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System

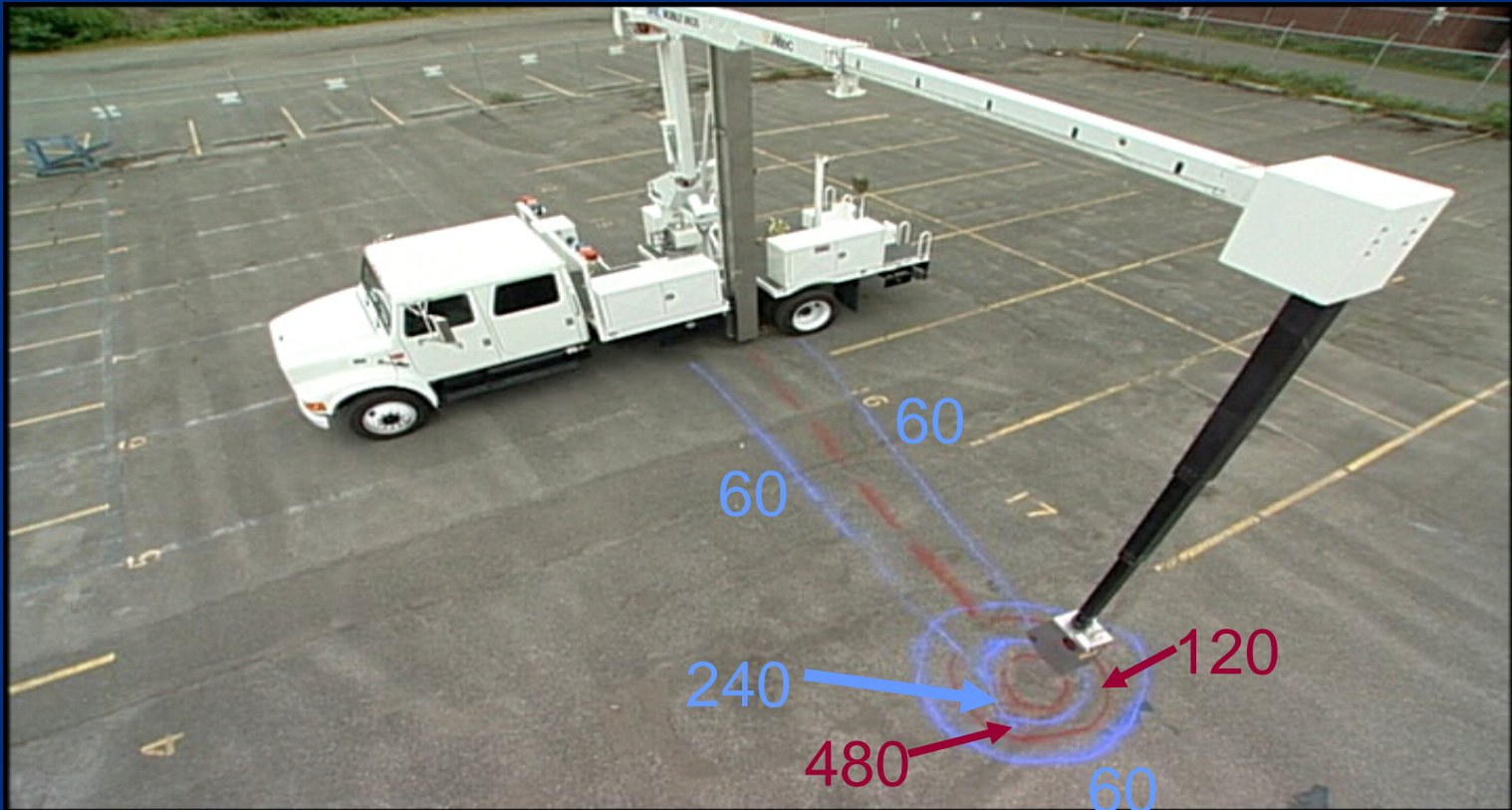
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# Mapping Radiation Fields (microR/hr)



# Mobile Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System (with Cobalt-60)



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# Mobile Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System (with Cobalt-60)



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# CBP Radiation Safety Standard

Small systems and gamma systems

Less than 0.5 microSieverts in any hour

Less than 1.2 microSieverts peak in any hour

Less than .025 microSieverts per pass of any system

Less than 1 milliSieverts in any year



# Source Information

## Shielding



## Source Selection



# Gauge Selection

## Typical Gauge Items



## CBP Cobalt Gauge Items



# Safety Features and Markings

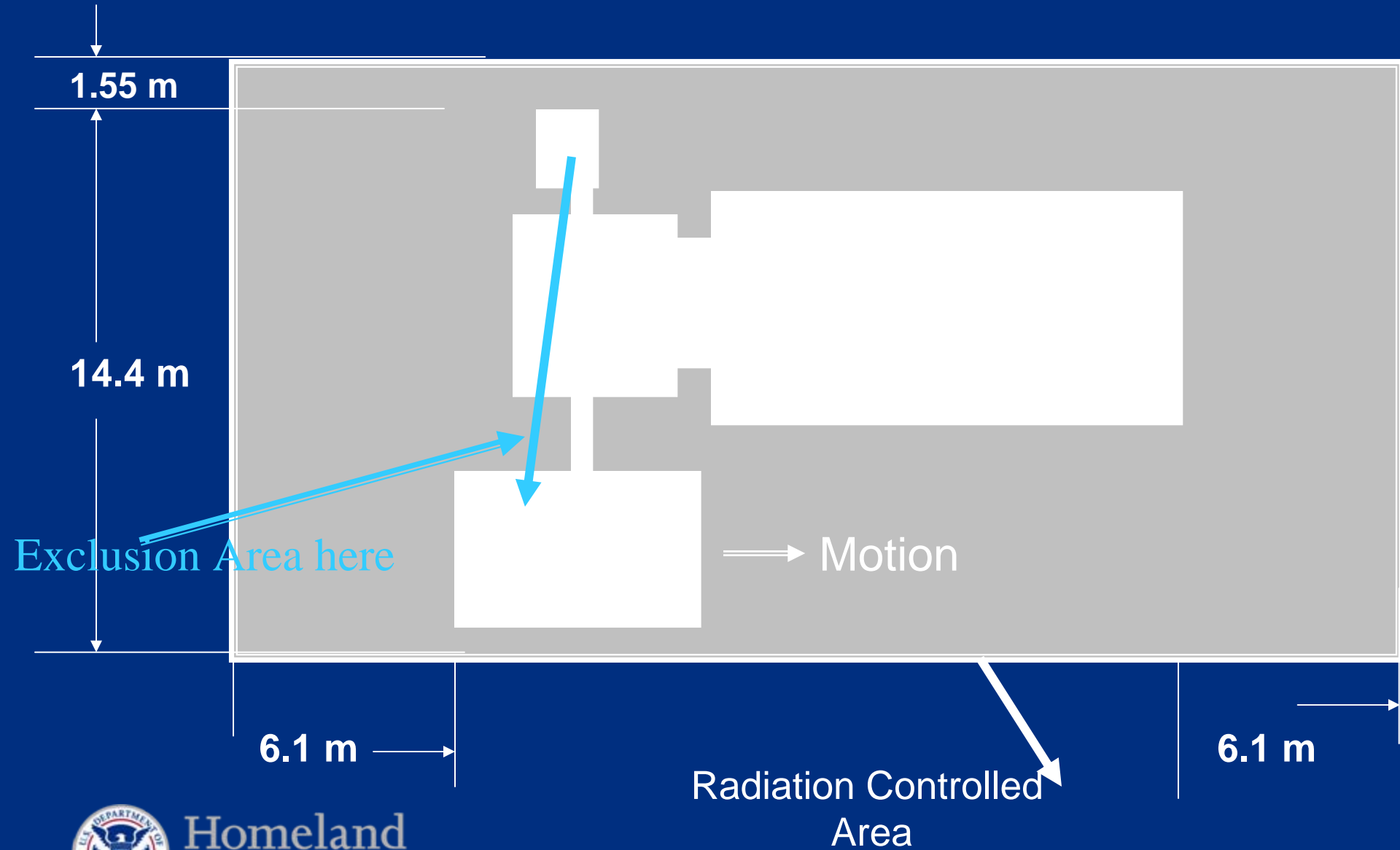


# Safety Features and Markings





# Rolling Scan



# Radiation Portal Monitor System



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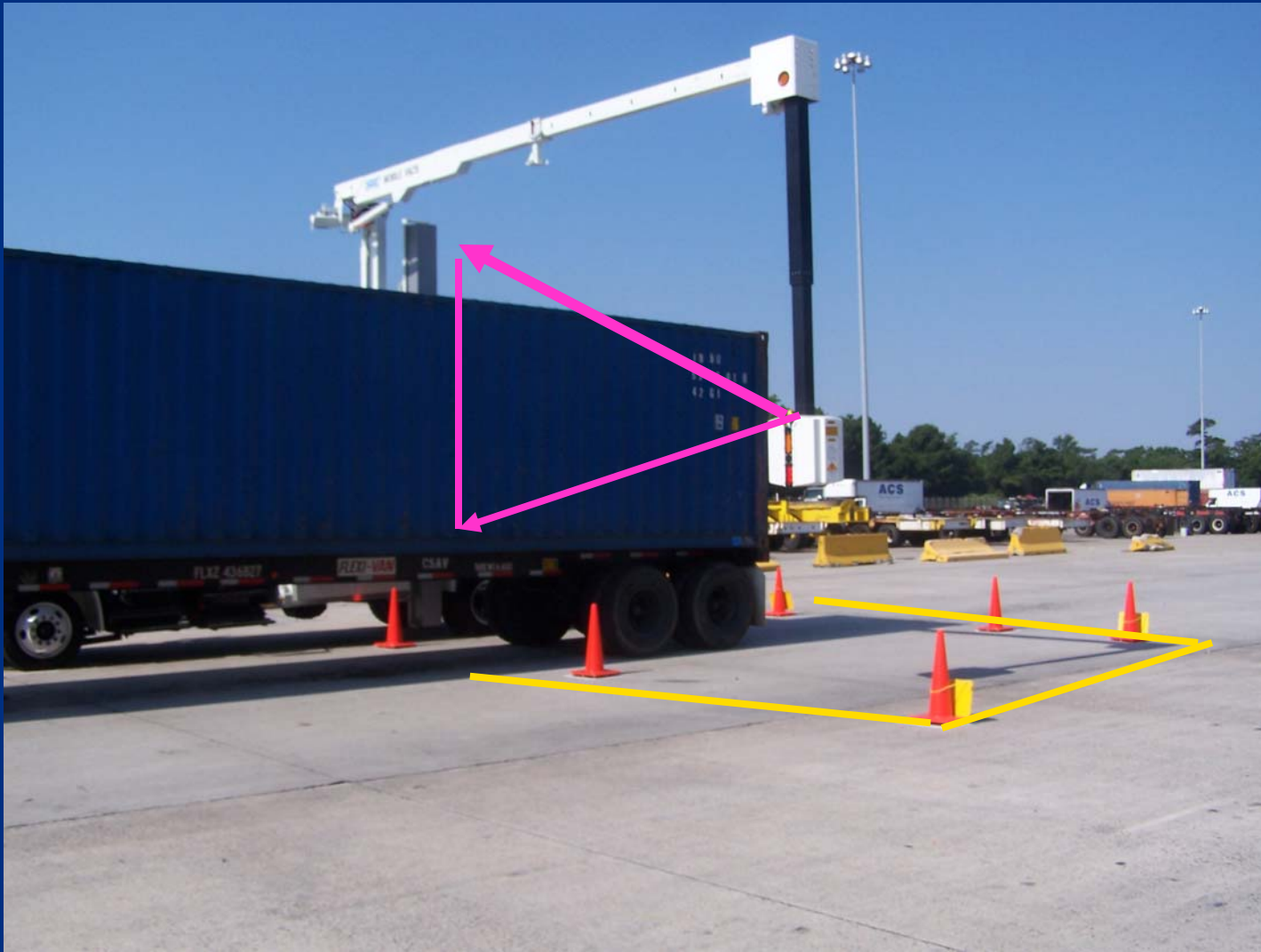
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# Gamma Ray Inspection System

("Gards" with Cobalt-60)



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# Rail Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System (Early models have Cesium-137; later models have Cobalt-60)



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# Rail Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System (Early models have Cesium-137; later models have Cobalt-60)



**CAUTION**

**RADIATION AREA**



RADIATION MAY BE PRESENT  
WHENEVER RED INDICATOR IS ON.  
NO ENTRY INTO THIS AREA IS PERMITTED  
WHEN RED INDICATOR IS ILLUMINATED.

**PRECAUCIÓN**

**AREA DE RADIACIÓN**



RADIACIÓN ESTÁ PRESENTE  
CUANDO LA LUZ ROJA ESTÁ PRESENTE.  
NO ES PERMITIDO ENTRAR A ESTA  
ÁREA CUANDO LA LUZ ROJA ESTÁ PRESENTE.



# Pallet Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System (with Cobalt-60)



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# Portal Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System (Cesium-137)



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# Portal Vehicle and Cargo Inspection System (Cesium-137)

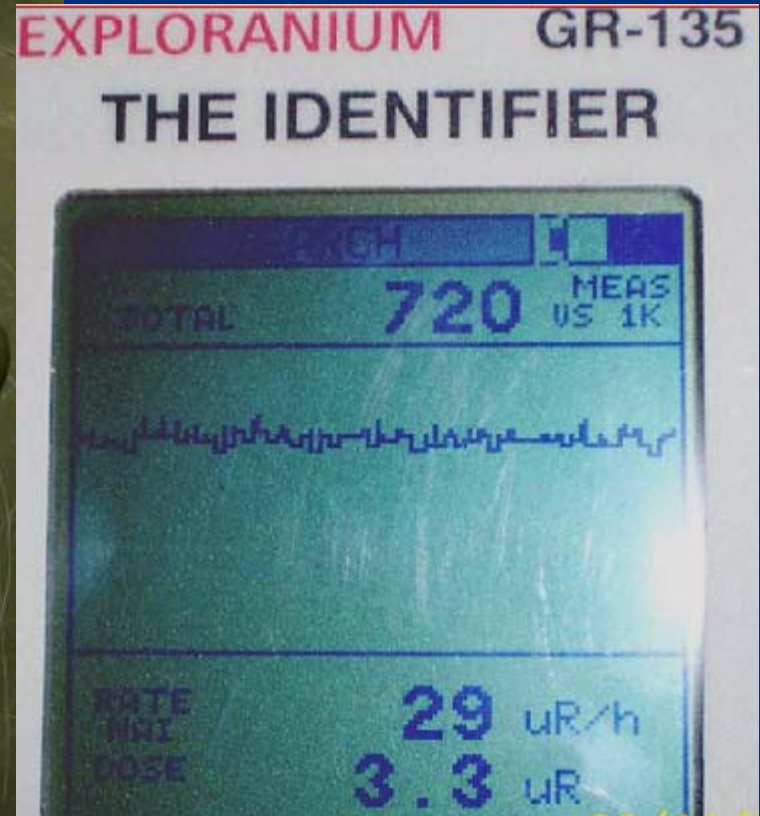


# Standard Ionization Meter (Victoreen 450P and the newer 451P)





# Radiation Isotope Identification Device



# Z-Backscatter X-Ray System



# Mobile Sea Container Accelerator System



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**Inspector Cab**

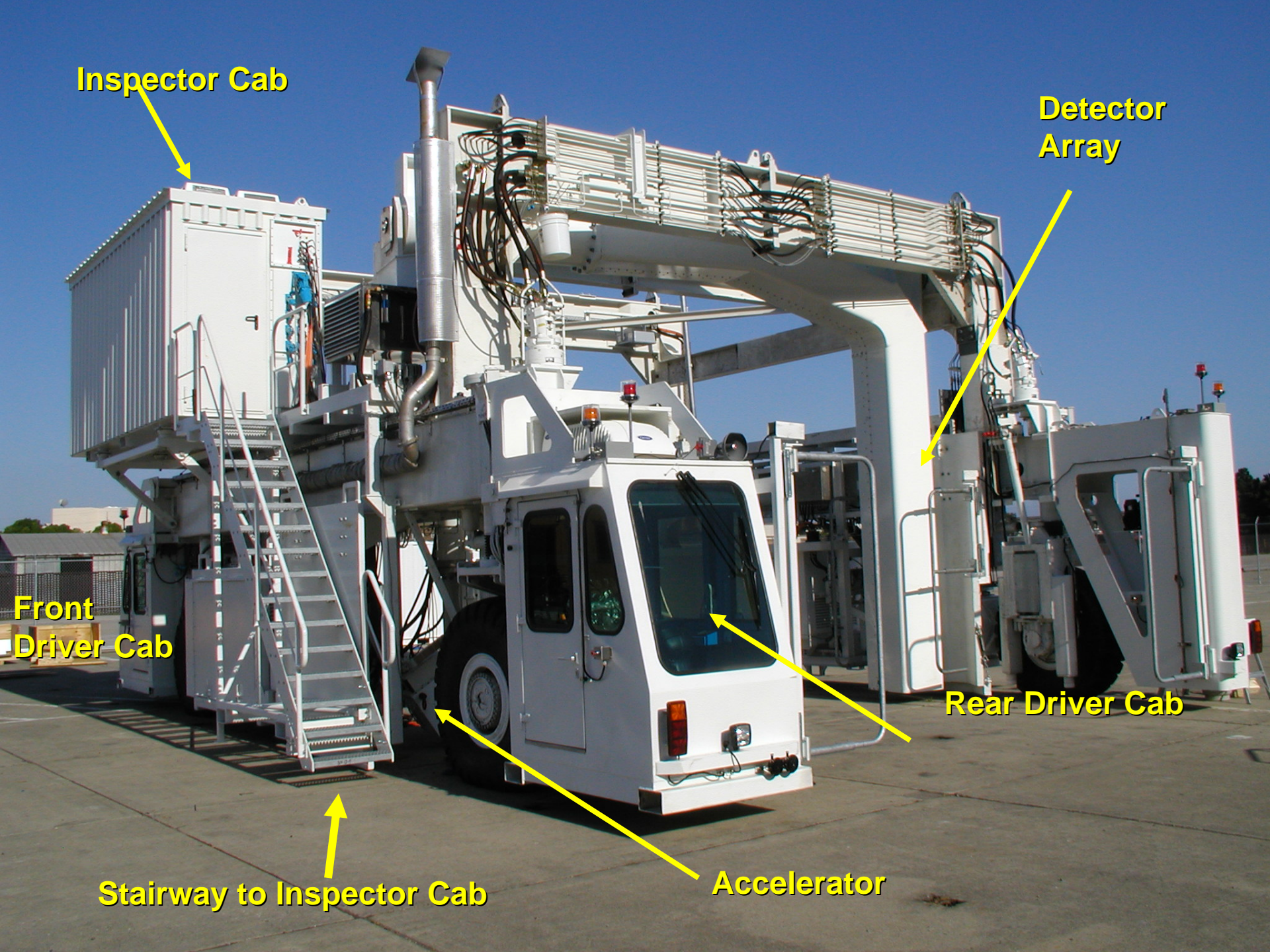
**Detector Array**

**Front Driver Cab**

**Rear Driver Cab**

**Stairway to Inspector Cab**

**Accelerator**

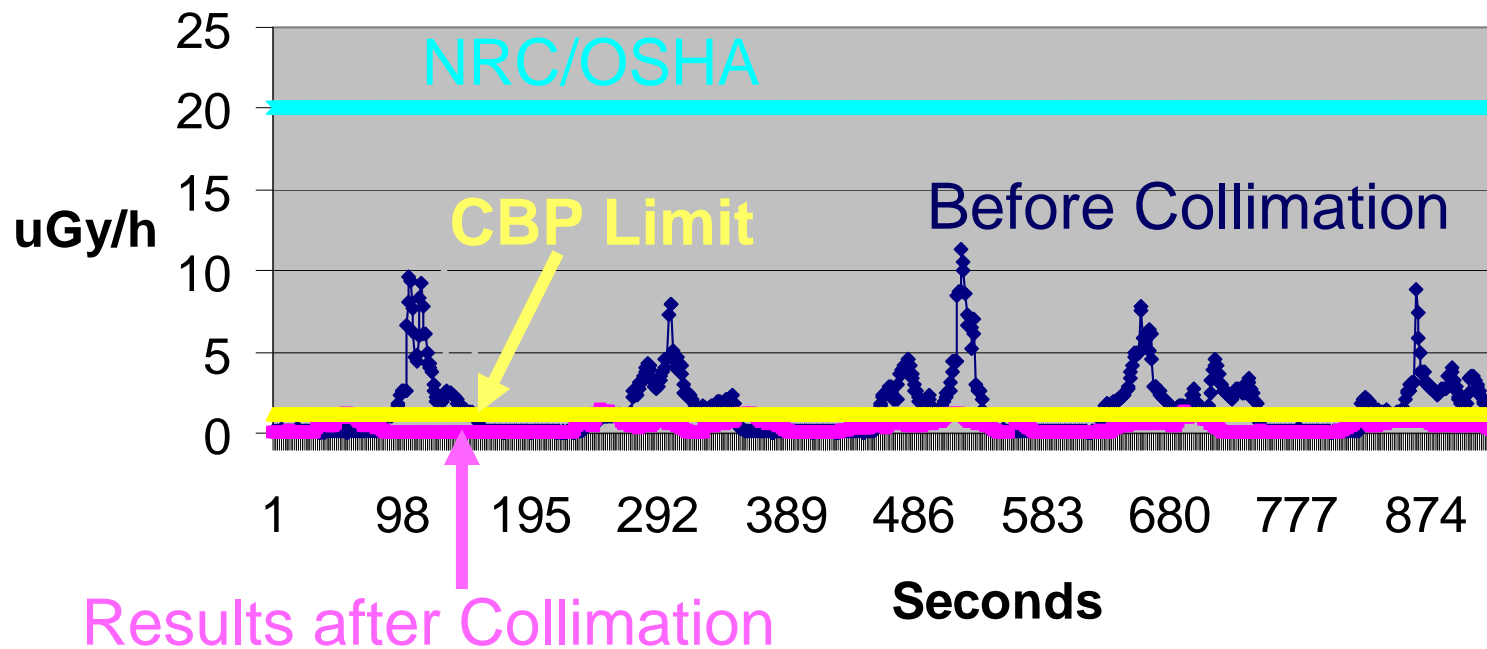


# Mobile Sea Container Accelerator System



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## Before / After MSCS Collimation at 20 ft from cab side axis





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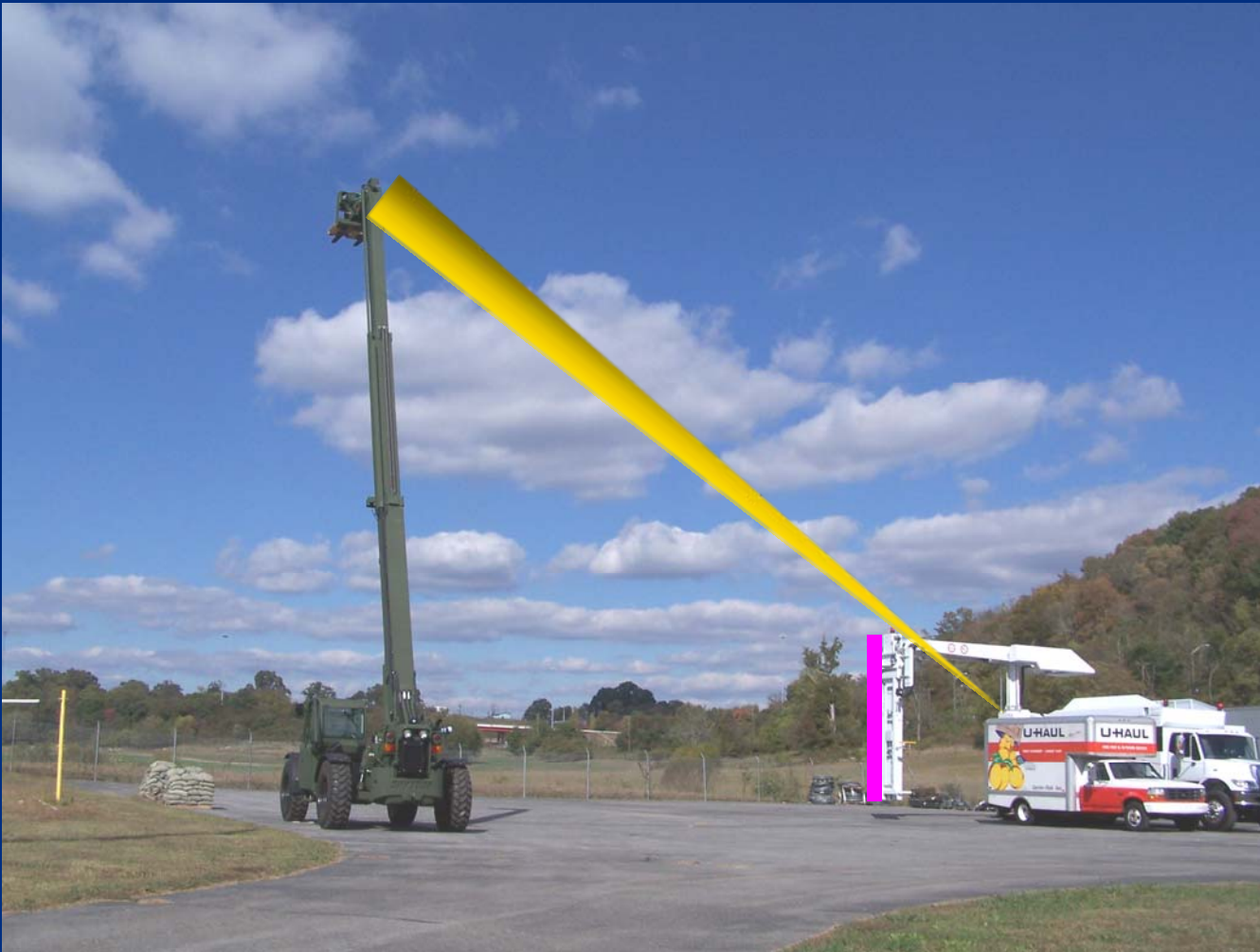




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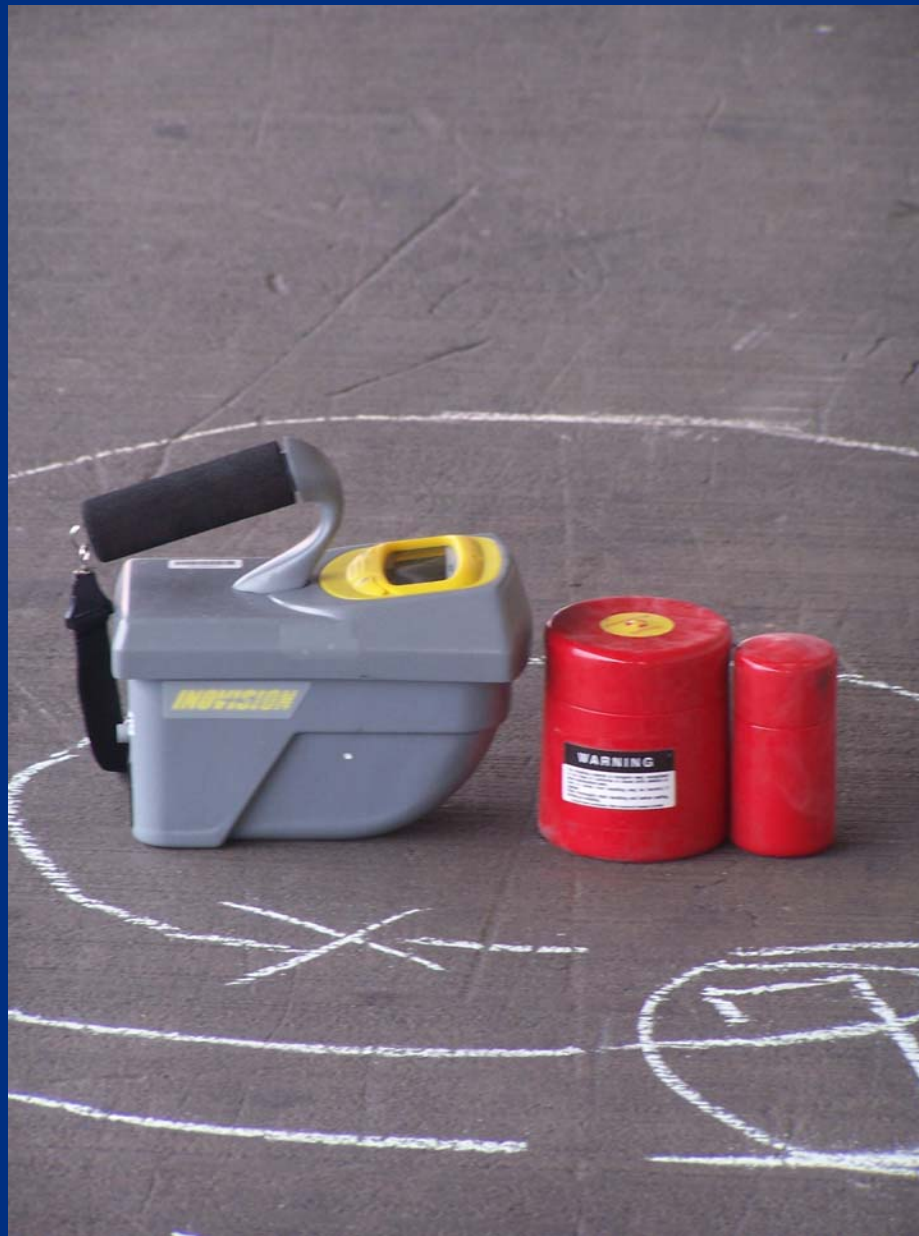
# Rail Gantry Accelerator System (BIR)



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# Sources For Training





# Program Update

## CBP Officer Training

- + Sources
- + New RPMs and reach back
- + Equipment expansion

## CBP Radiation Safety Program Growth

- + Additional Staffing
- + NRC and Canadian License



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