

United States Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration International Nuclear Security

M4: MTRF Facility Familiarization

Research Reactor Sabotage Protection Workshop



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Learning Objectives

Objectives:

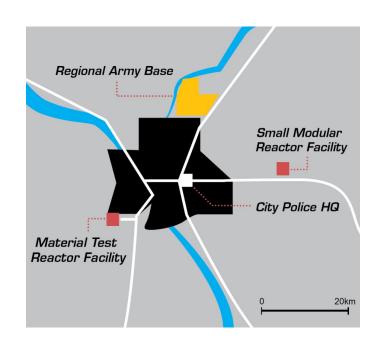
• Understand the physical characteristics and targets associated with the MTRF facility.

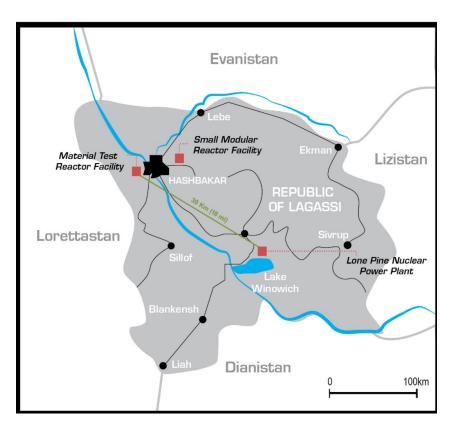


MTRF Site Location



- MTRF site is located in the Capital city of Hashbakar of a fictional country of Lagassi
- Lagassi has other nuclear facilities







MTRF Site Layout

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- MTRF is located in an urban area
- Campus is a host to several other tenant organizations
 - Data center
 - Pharmaceutical laboratory
 - Fuel Cell Lab



Material Test Reactor Facility



10-MW multi-purpose, open-pool type reactor

Uses

- Neutron transmutation doping of silicon
- Medical isotope production
- Neutron beam research
- Neutron activation analysis

Operations

- 3 weeks on (24x7) / 1 week off + 1 month maintenance outage per year
- 2 Operators and 5 support during reactor operation
- Additional 10-15 research and maintenance personnel during day hours



MTRF Complex (1)

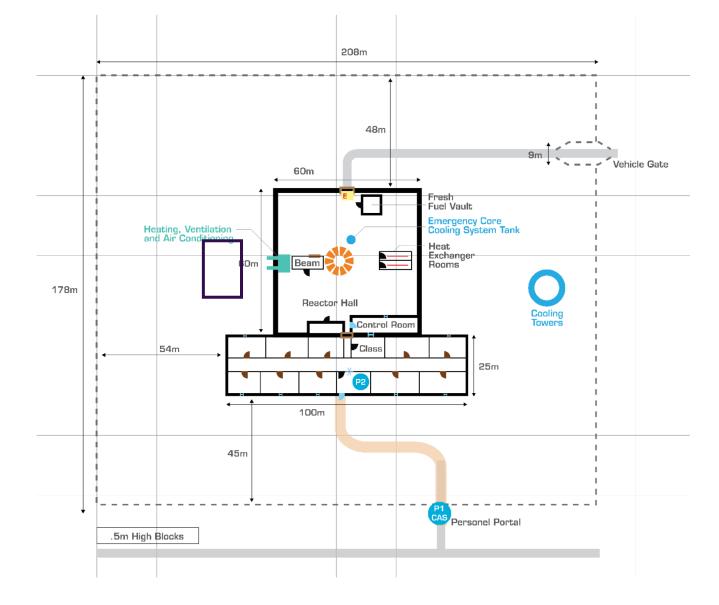
- Reactor hall
 - Reactor and support equipment
 - Equipment room
 - Fresh fuel storage
 - Control Room
- Spent Fuel Building
- Admin Building
 - BAS
 - Offices







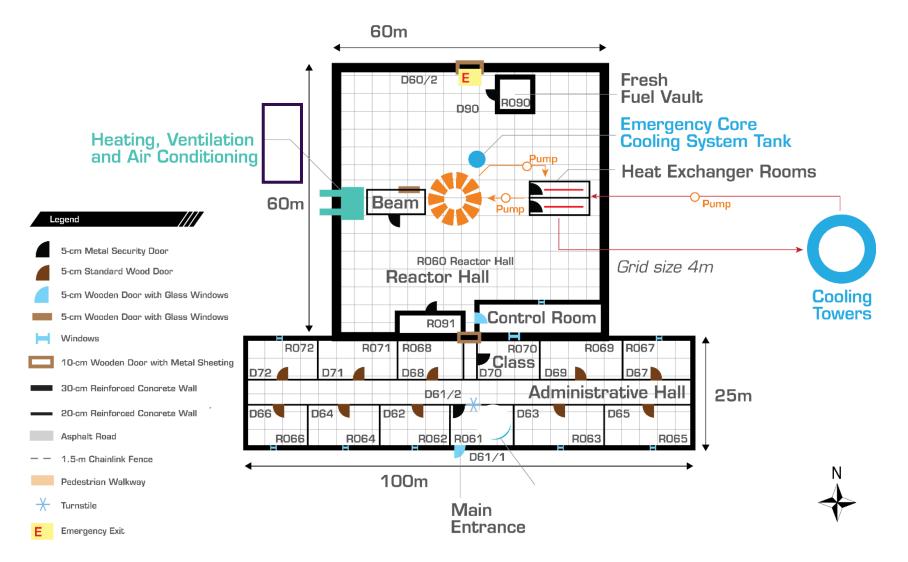
MTRF Complex (2)





MTRF Complex (3)





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MTRF complex (4) – Flyover

• Flyover movie







Nuclear Material Inventories

Fresh Fuel

- 19.75% LEU as fuel assemblies
- 15-40 fuel assemblies stored in R090 strong room
- 12-15 fuel elements are consumed every year

Irradiated Fuel (dose rates of 300-1000 R/h @ 1 m)

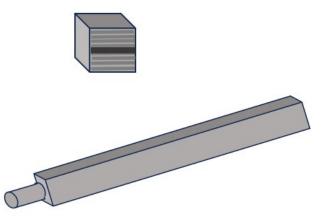
- Reactor core 20 fuel elements
- Reactor pool storage racks 20 fuel elements
- Spent Fuel Building 120 fuel elements



Nuclear Material Theft Targets



- Single fuel element (hypothetical)
 - 1 m x 10 cm x 10 cm / 15 kg in weight
 - contains 450 g U-235 in 19.75% LEU
- Fresh fuel is kept in storage cabinets in a strong room (R090)
- Theft of Cat II nuclear material (10 kg U-235) requires removal of 23 fuel elements with a total weight of 345 kg
- Irradiated fuel is not a theft target



Source: SNL



Sabotage Targets (hypothetical)

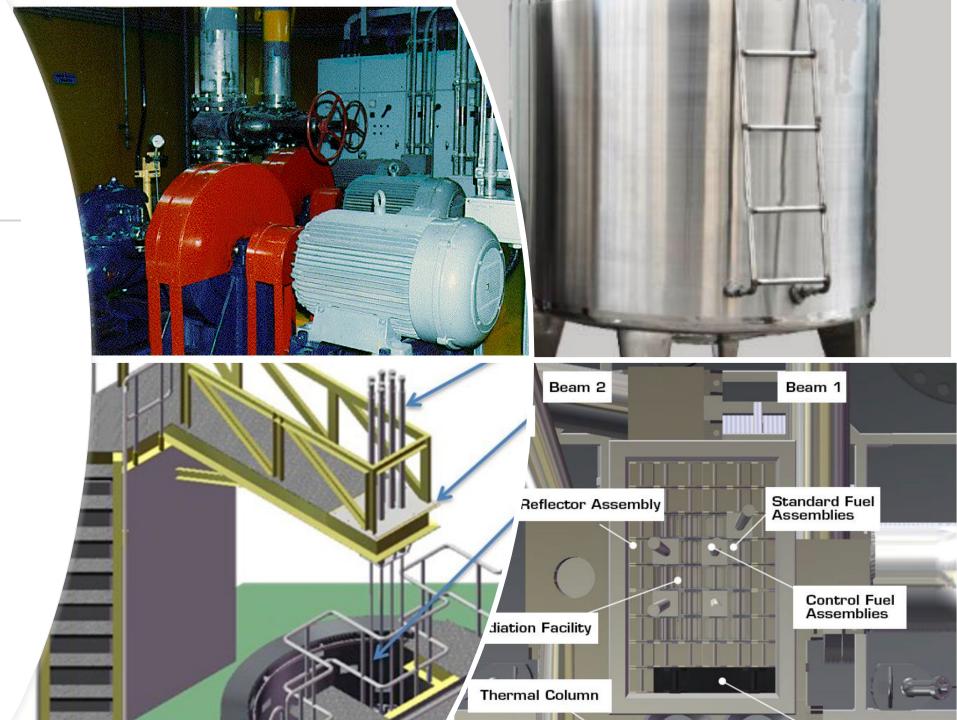


Malicious Act (target)	Location	Rationale
SCRAM	Control room	SCRAM system controlled from controlled room
SCRAM	Reactor hall	Mechanical removal of control rods
Direct attack / core	Reactor hall	Reactor core is accessible
Direct attack / SFP	SFP building	Spent fuel pool (SFP) is accessible
LOCA – coolant piping and ECCS	Equipment room	Piping and pumps are accessible Why would adversaries go to Equipment Room when they are already in Reactor Hall?
LOCA – Neutron beams and ECCS	Reactor hall and Equipment room	Systems are accessible



MTRF is determined to be an URC facility

Sabotage Targets (2)





MTRF has both theft and sabotage targets

Regulations require MTRF to implement a PPS capable of protecting the nuclear material and facilities against a postulated threat (DBT)

Facility-level PPS arrangements will be discussed during practical exercises

MTRF security response plans must be coordinated with off-site security response plans and emergency response plans





Local police

- One vehicle with a two-man patrol within 15 min
- Second vehicle with a two-man patrol within 30 min
- Armed with 9mm pistols and shotguns

Hashbakar Special Response Unit from Regional Army Base

- arrival within 90 min
- 15-operator tactical response team (TRT)
 - 9mm pistols, rifles and submachine guns
 - sniper element with 7.62 mm precision rifle
 - explosive breaching capability
- EOD with specialized equipment (bomb disposal robot, K-9, x-ray, disruption equipment, etc.)

Off-Site Security Response





Off-Site Response -Other

Medical

- two ambulances with 4 emergency medical personnel
- Advanced medical support –Hashbakar General Hospital

Emergency response

- Fire brigade
- Army CBRN unit

National Crisis Response Center





- MTRF is a hypothetical facility
- MTRF is an URC target
- MTRF has Category II nuclear material theft target

In Conclusion





Questions, Comments, Concerns?

