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Taiwan Reviews Radioactive Source Management

The Taiwan Atomic Energy Council (AEC) says it has conducted a 'critical review' of current practices – and formulated 18 specific measures – in order to strengthen the management and control of radioactive sources.

According to officials at the AEC, the measures include: expediting the rule-making process for relevant regulations; conducting national surveys of radioactive sources; reducing the time-span of "on-line reporting" from owners / operators; re-structuring of fees for "spent source management"; and establishing a centralised storage facility for unused / spent radioactive sources.

The announcement follows an incident earlier this year in which five steel cans containing cesium-137 went missing from a steel mill in Taichung county, central Taiwan. The cans were later recovered by the AEC.

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