

WOSMIP Remote 2

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Welcome to WOSMIP Remote 2

- Can you believe that WOSMIP Remote 1 was over a year ago?
- This year the program is LIVE and will have a number of the types of talks that you care about, noting that time zones spanning across the globe may affect some attendance





Our program

- Emission mitigation
- Atmospheric transport modeling
- Stack monitoring and background measurements
- R&D/Events of interest
- Update on production





The importance of WOSMIP

- Emissions from man-made sources are the major contributor to the backgrounds of radioactive xenon and other isotopes detected in monitoring systems such as the International Monitoring System
- In the early 2000s, we realized that emissions from made-man activities were much more significant in some locations than others
- Through the 2010s, backgrounds started being measured across the globe and specific activities, such as fission-based Mo-99 production is a global issue
- Through today, we are exploring options to mitigate the effect through scientific understanding of the issue, background measurements, working with isotope producers to lower emissions, and performing stack monitoring





The remote conference

- WOSMIP has always benefitted from interactions between presenters and attendees; Please feel free to ask questions (if we run out of time, we can get your question answered after the meeting is complete)
- Highlights
 - Produced video on background measurements
 - Roundtable on outreach
 - Virtual and live tour of the Niowave isotope production facility





Status of WOSMIP-8 (Live, In-person)

- Final decision on an in-person WOSMIP 8 (live) has not been made, but we are hoping to have a live in-person WOSMIP in Stockholm near the end of 2021 or early in 2022
- Stay tuned for more information
- If possible, we will be having a meeting, with some hybrid options





How close are we to solving this problem?

- The attendees of this workshop and a few others have made significant advances in mitigating the effect of isotope production
 - Continued study of the xenon background at IMS stations
 - Background measurements at other locations closer to sources
 - The ATM Challenge
 - Materials for abatement studies
 - Emission system designs and studies by producers
 - Stack monitoring
- However, we still experience high levels of xenon isotopes at many IMS stations





A call for solutions

• Goal 1:

• Determine the effect of the emissions on nuclear explosion detection, including emission levels that are needed to minimize the effect



- Goal 2:
 - Determine every major emission point in the world that affects the IMS



 Assist producers in the reduction of emissions through R&D on materials, radiochemistry and processes



- Stack monitoring at every known emission point and implement for every willing partner
- Goal 5:
 - Produce a global model that will allow us to calculate the level of radioxenon at every point on earth continuously, test and improve model

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Conclusions

- WOSMIP is continuing to bring communities together and we hope you enjoy the program
- We hope you have a great three days!



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