Why Argonne National Laboratory?

Over the last 40+ years, the Decommissioning Program of Argonne National Laboratory has successfully decommissioned numerous nuclear and radiological facilities including:

- 4 research reactors (a 100 MW BWR prototype, a 5 MW heavy water reactor, a smaller 250 kW biological irradiation facility and a small 10 kW research reactor)
- A suite of 61 plutonium glove boxes located in nine research labs
- A 60" cyclotron facility
- A fuels fabrication facility
- A hot cell facility
- Several smaller non-reactor (waste management) radiological facilities

Argonne National Laboratory conducted extensive decontamination work on five hot cells formerly used in the U.S. Navy Proof-of-Breeding program. The CP-5 research reactor facility at Argonne was selected to serve as a DOE test bed for the evaluation of select technologies to ascertain their value in performing future decommissioning projects. Also, the staff at Argonne lends support to other DOE, NRC or other regulated sites in decommissioning. Argonne National Laboratory is actively involved in international decommissioning activities and groups engaged in these types of nuclear fuel cycle work.

How to Register

Applicants are encouraged to register electronically and register early for sessions. Some sessions fill early and seats are limited in other cases. Therefore, early registration is highly encouraged.

For non-US citizen attendees for our very popular Las Vegas training course sessions, we organize a tour of the DOE/NNSA’s Nevada National Security Site. (TOUR IS NOT OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PUBLIC.) Early registration for the tour is critical and is recommended even before your training course registration. Please contact the TC Director if there are questions. Other sessions involving tours are likely to be handled differently – so please check the website or registration page for details. A course description, news on future sessions, registration form and additional details are available at the website:

http://www.dd.anl.gov/ddtraining/

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The training course registration fee can be paid by check or most major credit cards. Checks should be made payable to Argonne National Laboratory and sent to the Training Course Director. The registration fee or proof of forthcoming payment must be received prior to the course. For additional payment options, please contact the TC director.

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Training the world decommissioning community

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Purpose of the Course

The purpose of the course is to:
1) Provide information on the basic steps in the decommissioning process,
2) Impart lessons learned from past experience in decommissioning.

Elements included in the D&D training course will assist in decision making and planning, and implementation associated with decommissioning. A major objective of this training course is to demonstrate the need for early and thorough project planning to achieve safe and cost effective decommissioning.

Target Audience

The target audience for the D&D Training Course is personnel responsible for decommissioning nuclear facilities. Staff from utility companies, universities, reactor and other operational facility management, waste management staff, procurement officials, regulators, decommissioning technology developers and providers, oversight groups, DOE & DoD staff, radioisotope and radio-pharmaceutical research facilities/production facilities, and consulting and engineering firms. The material is directly relevant to the decommissioning of any type or size facility.

Instructors

Argonne Decommissioning Program experts are joined by other decommissioning subject matter experts. The seasoned decommissioning professionals are real decommissioning 'doers' including: management of decommissioning firms, subject matter experts, professional engineers, certified health physicists, D&D program managers, D&D project managers, staff members and technologists.