

# ECAMS, FAS and Horizon System

Environmental Continuous Air Monitoring System

Fixed Air Sampler Monitoring

Mirion Horizon Monitoring System

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# Acronyms and Abbreviations

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CPM – Counts Per Minute

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ECAM – Environmentally Controlled Continuous Air Monitor

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FAS – Fixed Air Sampler

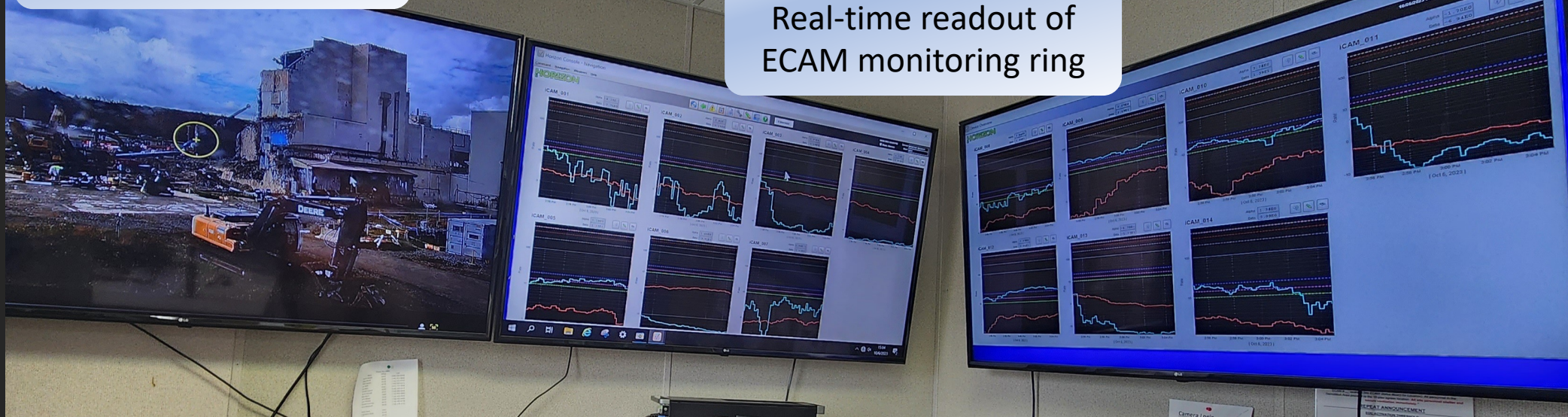
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NORM – Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (natural background)

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Real-time video feed of demolition operations

Real-time readout of ECAM monitoring ring



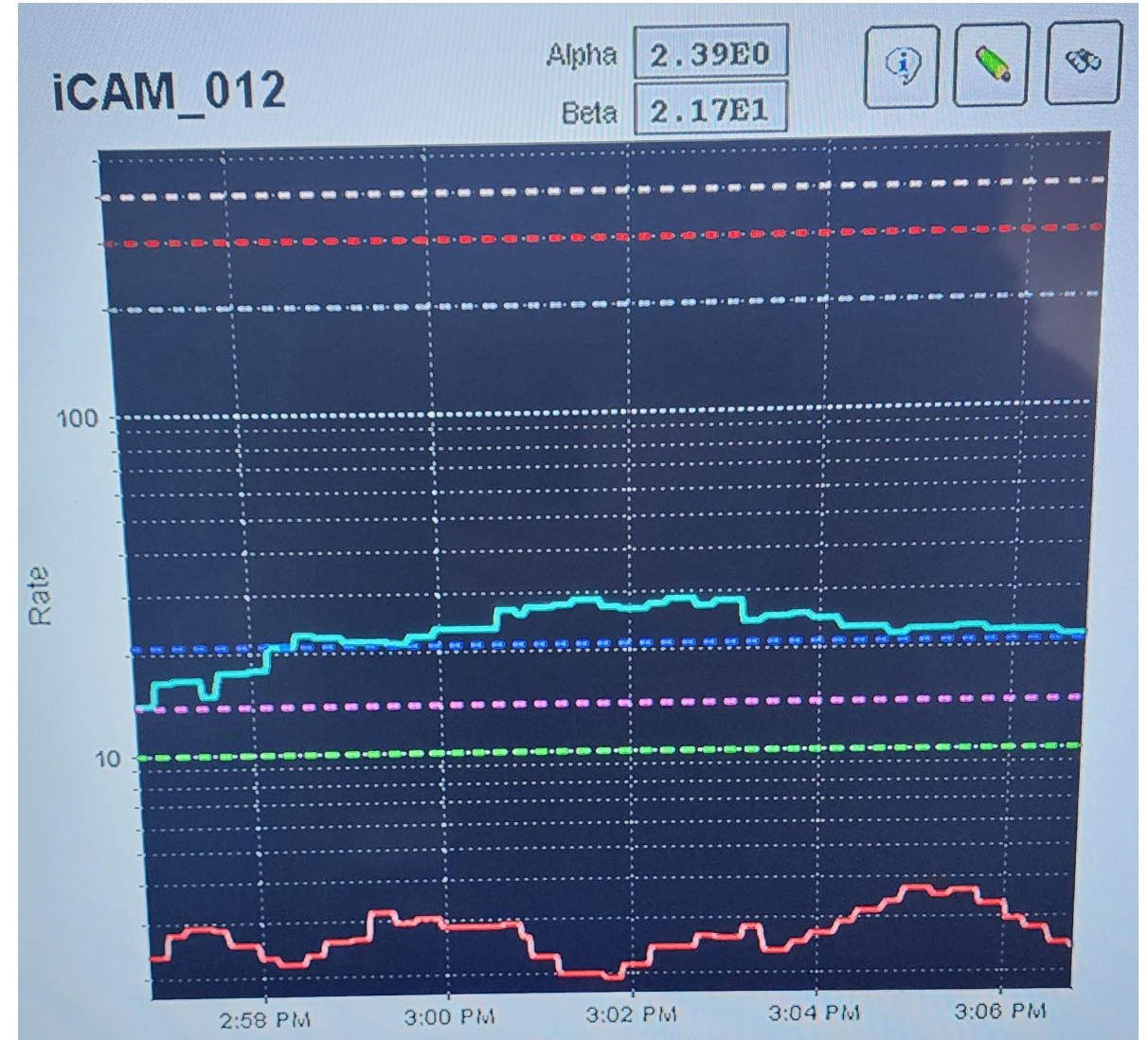
# Demolition Control Room

- Monitor ECAMs
- Monitor demolition activities
- Monitor the efficacy of dust suppression
- Monitor wind speed
- Manage air sampling collection



# Horizon<sup>®</sup> Software

- Real-time monitoring system
  - Allows for accurate and real time visual tracking and monitoring of all 14 ECAMs (updated every 15 seconds, with a rolling 10-minute average for background removal)
- Displays data in both numerical values and in graph form
- Displays information in Counts Per Minute





# Fixed Air Sampler (FAS)

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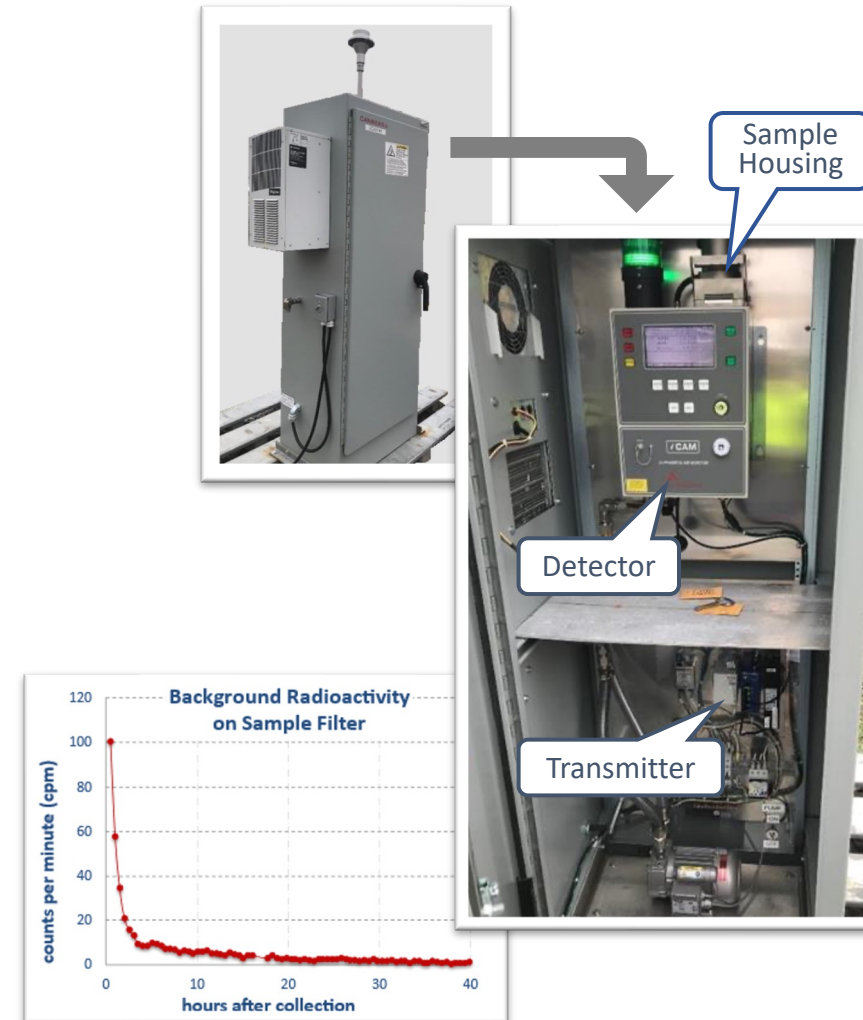
- 23 Fixed Air Samplers are onsite
- 18 monitored by technicians several times per shift
- Air filter removed at beginning and end of each work shift and sent to count room for analysis
- Not environmentally controlled
- Not monitored in real-time
- Alpha and beta/gamma checks of filter performed throughout the day during “Rove”



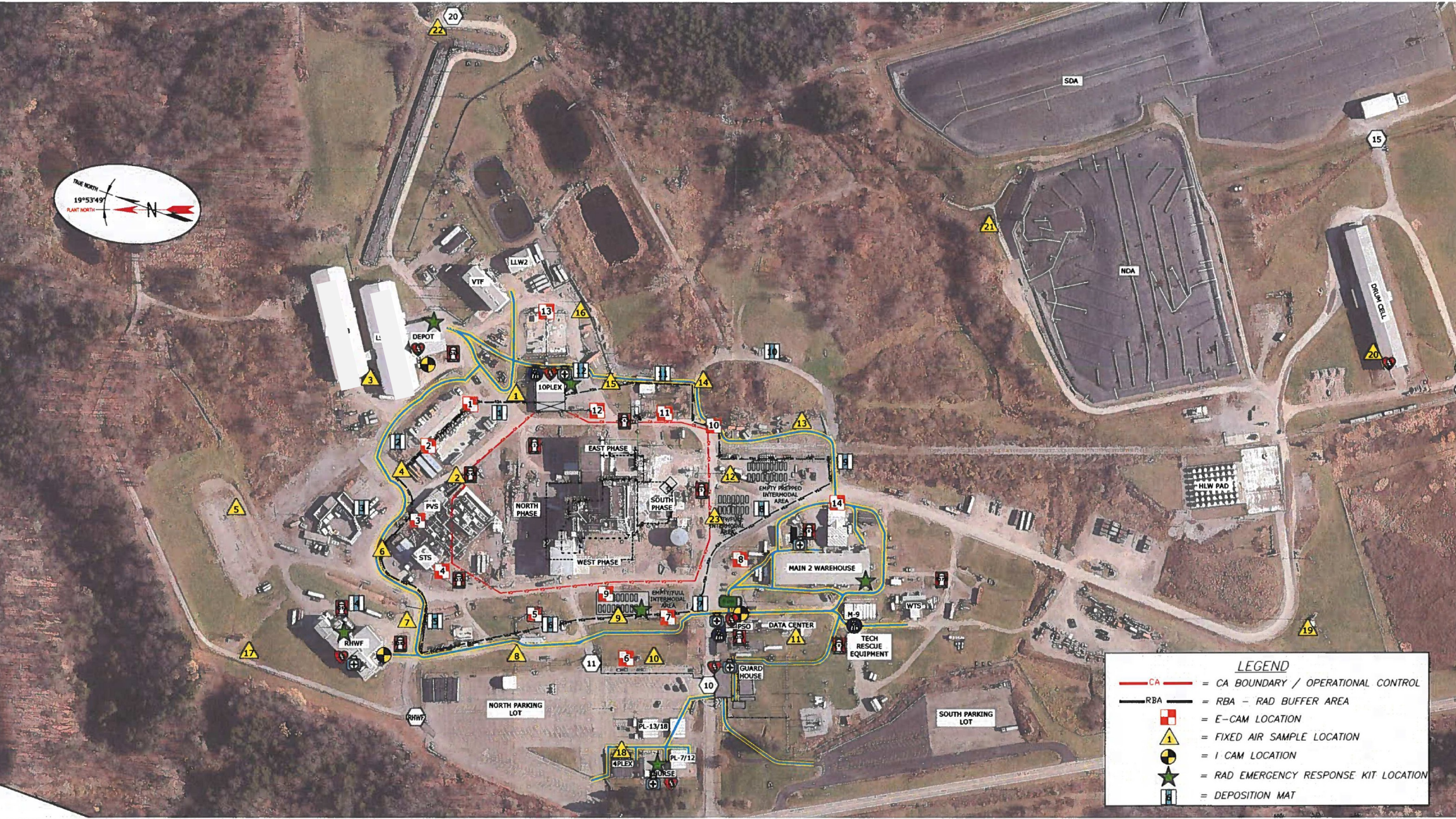
# Air Monitoring/Sampling Technology

- Continuous Air Monitors

- Contain both a sampling system and a detection system
- Airborne particulate is collected on a filter that is continuously checked by a radiation detector
- State-of-the-art software compensates for interference from background radiation
- Detection capability for onsite monitoring







**LEGEND**

	CA BOUNDARY / OPERATIONAL CONTROL
	RBA - RAD BUFFER AREA
	E-CAM LOCATION
	FIXED AIR SAMPLE LOCATION
	I CAM LOCATION
	RAD EMERGENCY RESPONSE KIT LOCATION
	DEPOSITION MAT



# ECAM Alarms

## Level 1 Notification

- Airborne contamination at a concentration that would result in a dose of 3.5 mrem\*

## Level 2 Alert

- Airborne contamination at a concentration that would result in a dose of 5 mrem\*

## Level 3 Alarm

- Airborne contamination at a concentration that would result in a dose of 7.5 mrem\*

*\*Represents a small fraction of the annual worker dose limit*

# Level 1 Notification

- Pause demolition activities
  - Demolition
  - Waste loadout
- Radiation Safety Manager determines if work may continue, or if work shall be suspended
- Monitor other ECAMs for increase
- Recovery actions may include:
  - Modifying dust suppression
  - Reducing the rate of demolition or waste loading
  - Increasing monitoring frequency for fixed air samplers and deposition pads
  - Determining if alarm was due to instrument malfunction or NORM
- Return to work per Radiation Safety Manager

## Level 2 Alert

- Stop demolition activities
  - Demolition
  - Waste loadout
- Demolition personnel exit the area based on Radiation Control (RC) direction
- Monitor other ECAMs for increase
- Remove ECAM filter as directed by RC Supervision
  - Analyze filter to determine if alarm was due to instrument malfunction or NORM
- Recovery actions may include:
  - Modifying dust suppression
  - Reducing the rate of demolition or waste loading
  - Increasing monitoring frequency for fixed air samplers and deposition pads
- Return to work per Radiation Safety Manager



# Level 3 Alarm

- Stop demolition activities
  - Demolition
  - Waste loadout
- Site-wide sheltering initiated by Radiation Controls
- Demolition personnel exit the area based on Radiation Control (RC) direction
- Monitor other ECAMs for increase
- Remove ECAM filter as directed by RC Supervision
  - Analyze filter to determine if alarm was due to instrument malfunction or NORM
- Recovery actions may include:
  - Modifying dust suppression
  - Reducing the rate of demolition or waste loading
  - Increasing monitoring frequency for fixed air samplers and deposition pads
- Return to work per Radiation Safety Manager

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EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE FOR  
ECAM LEVEL 3  
ALARM

## Control Room

- Verify Level 3 alarm
- Initiate site-wide shelter alarm, using pre-written script
- Make all other notifications
- Log alarm, activity at time of alarm, check other ECAMs nearby
- Wait for event to stabilize, then per supervisor/manager direction, RADCON verify conditions and retrieve data

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## Radiation Controls Response

- Verify conditions at location of alarm, including wind direction, wind speed and path of approach
- Technician suits up, with respirator, and proceeds to the alarming ECAM
- Technician surveys travel path to the ECAM, notifying Control Room of findings, then surveys ECAM and immediate area
- Filter is removed and switched for a new filter; and it is then taken to count room where it will be analyzed



# SHELTERING AREA RESPONSE FOR ECAM LEVEL 3 ALARM

## Workforce Response

- Upon initiating site-wide sheltering, employees enter closest sheltering area and secure ventilation
- Personnel remain in area until released by Radiation Safety Manager

# FAS Monitoring

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- Sample is checked with survey meters in the field
- Numbers recorded and logged
- Report any readings not consistent with NORM (e.g., Radon)
- Smear taken on outside of the sampler for deposition monitoring



# Deposition Monitoring

- Deposition Mat
  - Background check taken at each location
  - Smear taken across all three zones and checked for radioactivity
  - Direct scan (survey) check taken on individual zone





# Summary

- Demolition activities are continuously monitored
  - Over 35,000 air/deposition samples collected and analyzed since the start of demolition activities
- Multi-tiered air monitoring program
  - Real-time monitoring (ECAMs)
  - Continuous sampling (FAS)
  - Breathing zone personal air sampling
  - Samples analyzed after decay of NORM (e.g., Radon)
- Tracking and trending of data



# Environmental Continuous Air Monitors (ECAMs)

14 ECAMs positioned in a monitoring ring around the demolition area

- 12 functional at all times during demo
- 2 maintained as running spares

Continuously monitored in Control Room through the Horizon System

- State of the art software that compensates for background radiation

Filters are removed for analysis at the beginning and end of working shifts

- Filters are counted immediately and recounted after 7-10 days
- Days no work is done, pulled once a day

Detector performance verified weekly using calibration source

Visual and audible alarms

- Flashing red light indicates elevated contamination levels
- Flashing green light indicates mechanical or software issues

Airborne particulate is collected on a filter and continuously checked by a radiation detector

Monitors for alpha, beta and gamma emitters in airborne particulate



Air Intake

Filter housing



Detector

Transmitter